



THE HOLY EUCHARIST
NATIVITY of SAINT JOHN the BAPTIST
with
RENEWAL of BAPTISMAL VOWS

(June 24 transferred)

June 21, 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 inclusive language version of *Eucharistic Prayer C* is authorized by the Diocese of Olympia.

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

Two Preludes on *Winchester New*

Flor Peeters (1903-1986) and C.S. Lang (1891-1971)

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

Hymn 76

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

TUNE: *Winchester New*

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -
 2 Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make
 3 For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our
 4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and
 5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose

1 noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
 2 straight the way for God with - in, and let each heart pre -
 3 re - fuge, and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we
 4 bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy
 5 ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free; whom with the Fa - ther

1 for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.
 2 pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.
 3 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.
 4 light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.
 5 we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

Words: Charles Coffin (1676-1749); tr. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944), after John Chandler (1806-1876); alt.

Music: *Winchester New*, melody from *Musicalishes Hand-Buch*, 1690; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889), 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 sca-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

Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty God, by whose providence your servant John the Baptist was wonderfully born, and sent to prepare the way of your Son our Savior by preaching repentance: Make us so to follow his teaching and holy life, that we may truly repent according to his preaching; and, following his example, constantly speak the truth, boldly rebuke vice, and patiently suffer for the truth's sake; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

You may be seated.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Isaiah 40:1–11

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

A voice cries out:

"In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?"

All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever.

Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!"

See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

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 85 • Benedixisti, Domine

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

- 1 **¹You have been gracious to your land, / O / LORD, ***
²you have restored the good fortune / of / Jacob.
- 2 ³You have forgiven the iniquity of / your / people *
⁴and blotted out / all their / sins.
- 3 **¹You have withdrawn all / your / fury ***
²and turned yourself from your wrathful in- / dig / -nation.
- 4 **³Restore us then, O God / our / Savior; ***
⁴let your anger de- / part from / us.
- 5 ¹Will you be displeased with us / for / ever? *
²will you prolong your anger from age / to / age?
- 6 ³Will you not give us life / a / -gain, *
⁴that your people may re- / joice in / you?]

- 7 ¹ Show us your mercy, / O / LORD, *
² and grant us your / sal / -vation.
- 8 ³ I will listen to what the LORD God / is / saying, *
⁴ for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
and to those who turn their / hearts to / him.
- 9 ¹ Truly, his salvation is very near to those / who / fear him, *
² that his glory may dwell in / our / land.
- 10 ³ Mercy and truth have met / to / -gether; *
⁴ righteousness and peace have / kissed each / other.
- 11 ¹ Truth shall spring up from / the / earth, *
² and righteousness shall look down / from / heaven.
- 12 ³ The LORD will indeed grant / pro / -sperity, *
⁴ and our land will yield / its in / -crease.
- 13 ¹ Righteousness shall go / be / -fore him, *
⁴ and peace shall be a pathway / for his / feet.

Second Reading

Acts 13:14b–26

On the sabbath day they went into the synagogue and sat down. After the reading of the law and the prophets, the officials of the synagogue sent them a message, saying, “Brothers, if you have any word of exhortation for the people, give it.”

So Paul stood up and with a gesture began to speak: “You Israelites, and others who fear God, listen. The God of this people Israel chose our ancestors and made the people great during their stay in the land of Egypt, and with uplifted arm he led them out of it.

For about forty years he put up with them in the wilderness. After he had destroyed seven nations in the land of Canaan, he gave them their land as an inheritance for about four hundred fifty years. After that he gave them judges until the time of the prophet Samuel.

“My brothers, you descendants of Abraham’s family, and others who fear God, to us the message of this salvation has been sent.”

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Keyboard

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- ¹ Then he said to his / di / -sciples,
² “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers / are / few;
³ therefore ask the Lord of / the / harvest
⁴ to send out laborers in- / to his / harvest.”

All repeat Alleluias.

Holy Gospel

Standing as able.

Luke 1:57–80

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

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

The time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her. On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him Zechariah after his father. But his mother said, "No; he is to be called John."

They said to her, "None of your relatives has this name." Then they began motioning to his father to find out what name he wanted to give him. He asked for a writing tablet and wrote, "His name is John." And all of them were amazed. Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue freed, and he began to speak, praising God. Fear came over all their neighbors, and all these things were talked about throughout the entire hill country of Judea. All who heard them pondered them and said, "What then will this child become?" For, indeed, the hand of the Lord was with him.

Then his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke this prophecy:

"Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them.

He has raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of his servant David, as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us.

Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors, and has remembered his holy covenant, the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham, to grant us that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies, might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him all our days."

And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins.

By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace."

The child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness until the day he appeared publicly to Israel.

Presider The Gospel of our Savior.

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

You may be seated.

The Sermon

The Reverend Robert G. Stevens

There will be a moment for quiet personal reflection.

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

Standing as able.

Presider Dear People of God: In Holy Baptism we have been made part of that great fellowship of believers in all times and places, the Communion of Saints. In Baptism God has adopted us as children and made us members of Christ's Body and inheritors of God's kingdom with the saints in light. Let us, therefore, renew the vows of our Baptism by which God has made us a holy people.

The Baptismal Covenant

Presider Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People **I do.**

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 you cherish the wondrous works of God, and protect the beauty and integrity of all creation?

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

Presider May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

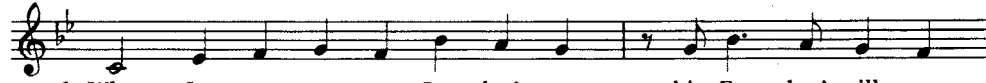
The Asperges

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 children, the faithful sign themselves with the cross as they are sprinkled.

Hymn 139

When Jesus went to Jordan's stream

TUNE: *Christ unser Herr zum Jordan kam*



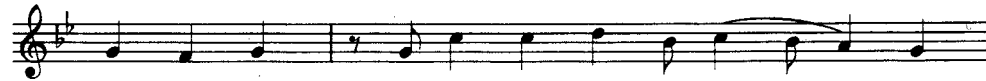
1 When Je - sus went to Jor - dan's stream his Fa - ther's will o -
2 The Ho - ly Spi - rit then was shown, a dove on him de -
3 He came by wa - ter and by blood to heal our lost con -



bey - ing, and was bap - tized by John, there came
scend - ing; the Tri - une God is thus made known
di - tion; he cleans - es, rec - on - ciles to God,



a voice from hea - ven say - ing, "This is my dear be -
in Christ as love un - end - ing. He taught, he healed, he
and gives the Great Com - mis - sion. Then let us not heed



lov - ed Son up - on whom rests my fa - vor."
raised the dead, yet, in his great en - deav - or
world - ly lies nor rest up - on our mer - it,



And till God's will is ful - ly done he will not bend or
to save us, his own blood was shed; but death could hold him
but trust in Christ who will bap - tize with wa - ter and the



wa - ver, for he is Christ the Sa - vior.
nev - er. He rose, and lives for ev - er.
Spi - rit that we may life in - her - it.

Words: Martin Luther (1483-1546); para. F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984), rev.

Music: *Christ unser Herr zum Jordan kam*, melody from *Geistliche gesangk Buchleyn*, 1524

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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 Anglican Church of Southern Africa. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. Luke's, Sequim; St. Antony of Egypt, Silverdale; and St. Nicholas, Tahuya. 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.*



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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Please stand as you are able.

Hymn 272

The great forerunner of the morn

TUNE: *The Truth From Above*

Unison or harmony

1 The great fore - run - ner of the morn, the
2 With heaven - ly mes - sage Ga - briel came, that
*3 John, still un - born, yet gave a - right his
4 His might - y deeds ex - alt his fame to
*5 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, and

1 her - ald of the Word, is born; and faith - ful hearts shall
2 John should be that her - ald's name, and with pro - phet - ic
3 wit - ness to the com - ing light; and Christ, the Sun of
4 great - er than a pro - phet's name; of wo - man born shall
5 God the Spi - rit, Three in One, praise, hon - or, might, and

1 nev - er fail with thanks and praise his light to hail.
2 ut - terance told his ac - tions great and man - i - fold.
3 all the earth, ful - filled that wit - ness at his birth.
4 nev - er be a great - er pro - phet than was he.
5 glo - ry be from age to age e - ter - nal - ly.

Words: The Venerable Bede (673-735); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt.
Music: *The Truth From Above*, English melody; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

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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.

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 Anthem

The Collects of St. John the Baptist

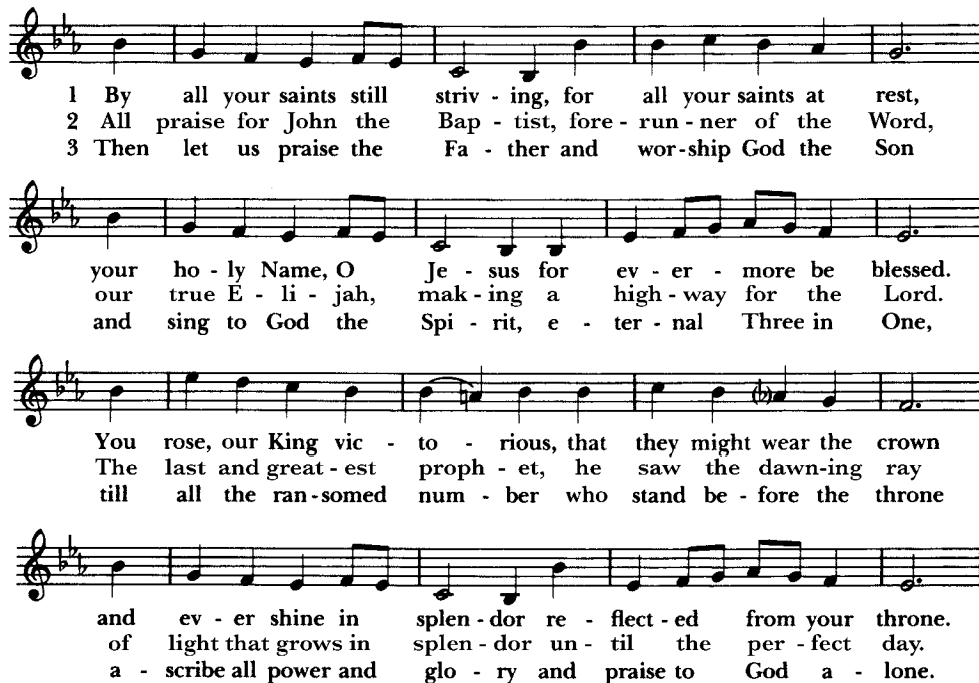
Thomas Aláan

Communion Hymn 232

Sung by all.

By all your saints still striving

TUNE: Nyland



1 By all your saints still striv - ing, for all your saints at rest,
2 All praise for John the Bap - tist, fore - run - ner of the Word,
3 Then let us praise the Fa - ther and wor - ship God the Son

your ho - ly Name, O Je - sus for ev - er - more be blessed.
our true E - li - jah, mak - ing a high - way for the Lord.
and sing to God the Spi - rit, e - ter - nal Three in One,

You rose, our King vic - to - rious, that they might wear the crown
The last and great - est proph - et, he saw the dawn - ing ray
till all the ran - sored num - ber who stand be - fore the throne

and ev - er shine in splen - dor re - flect - ed from your throne.
of light that grows in splen - dor un - til the per - fect day.
a - scribe all power and glo - ry and praise to God a - lone.

Words: Horatio Bolton Nelson (1823-1913); ver. *Hymnal* 1982

Music: *Nyland*, Finnish folk melody; adapt. David Evans (1874-1948)

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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 **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.

— *author unknown*

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

Hymn 67

Comfort, comfort ye my people

TUNE: Psalm 42 (*Freu dich sehr*)



1 Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple, speak ye peace, thus
 2 Hark, the voice of one that cri - eth in the des - ert
 3 Make ye straight what long was crook - ed, make the rough - er



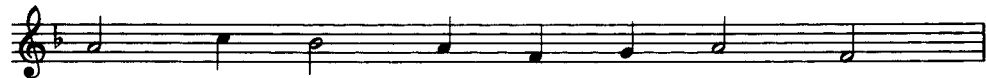
saith our God; com - fort those who sit in dark - ness
 far and near, call - ing us to new re - pent - ance
 pla - ces plain; let your hearts be true and hum - ble,



mourn - ing 'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak ye to Je -
 since the king - dom now is here. Oh, that warn - ing
 as be - fits his ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry



ru - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them;
 cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;
 of the Lord now o'er earth is shed a - broad;



tell her that her sins I cov - er,
 let the val - leys rise to meet him
 and all flesh shall see the to - ken



and her war - fare now is o - ver.
 and the hills bow down to greet him.
 that the word is nev - er bro - ken.

Words: Johann G. Olearius (1611-1684); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt.
 Music: Psalm 42, melody Claude Goudimel (1514-1572)

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Dismissal

Presider Go in peace to love and serve Jesus Christ our Savior.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Chorale and Fughetta on Psalm 42

David Lasky (b. 1957)

Serving in Worship Today

Acolytes: Natalia Frazier, Lara Frazier, Heléna Frazier; **Altar Guild:** Adrienne Haycock;
Closer: Lurilla Lee; **Coffee Hour:** Anne Rogers, Thomas Aláan *Mayor of Pie Day*;
Eucharistic Minister/Intercessor: Dan Johnson; **Flowers:** Sandy Hanson;
Livestream: Walter Johnstone, Adam Jenkins; **Music:** Thomas Aláan, Thomas Dickey,
 SJB Choir; **Preaching/Presiding:** The Rev. Robert G. Stevens; **Readers:** Graham Segroves,
 Kathy Lund; **Ushers:** Ron Thompson, Kathy Lund; **Verger:** Lilith Lysistrata.

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

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Music in the Church and livestreamed on our YouTube channel

11:45 a.m. Pie in the Parish Hall

Youth Confirmation Classes

Interested students in Grade 6 and up can participate in two more confirmation classes, Sunday afternoons, 12:30–2:30 p.m. Remaining dates are 8/2 and 9/13. If you have any questions, contact Family Life Minister, Jackson Espeut. familylife@SJBWestSeattle.org

Graduate Sunday June 21

The St. John's community are thrilled to recognize our 2026 graduates. **Frances Bugala** graduated from West Seattle High School and is heading to Wellesley College, Boston, to study psychology. **Heléna Frazier** graduated from West Seattle High School and will attend Concordia University, Montréal, to study civil engineering.

Pie in the Parish Hall June 21

Join us after the 10:30 a.m. service today for one of our favorite SJB traditions: Pie in the Parish Hall.

Seattle Pride Parade June 28

We are glad to be able to join Episcopalians across our diocese in marching in the Seattle Pride parade on Sunday, June 28. We can carpool and will have our contingent leave SJB immediately following the 10:30 a.m. service. If you'd like to march with SJB, please contact Fr. Robert. robert@SJBWestSeattle.org

DubSea Fish Sticks Game on July 11

St. John's is going on an outing to enjoy a DubSea Fish Sticks game. We have a section of 25 seats reserved for Saturday, July 11, 6:05 p.m. at Mel Olson Stadium in White Center. The Fish Sticks are a summer collegiate baseball team playing in a league that emphasizes family fun. Please sign up in the narthex ASAP if you'd like to join. Tickets are \$13 per person, payable by check to St. John's or by Venmo. Please make your check payable to St. John's and note "Fish Sticks Tickets" in the memo section.

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

Wednesday Evening Prayer Cancelled This Week

Evening Prayer will not take place on June 24 because all our officiants will be out of town. It will resume on July 1.

Email Scam

There have been a few phishing scams in recent weeks that impersonate clergy from SJB and ask for assistance by requesting money, gift cards, etc. We apologize for the hassle these present, but they are prevalent scams for churches precisely because of the generous impulses churchgoers have. Please know that neither Canon Elise nor Fr. Robert will ever send emails of this sort, and a quick look at the email address it is sent from will identify it as bogus. Emails from Gmail, Yahoo, or similar addresses are never legitimate. We also email from our SJB email. If you ever have suspicion or concern, just call the church office or Fr. Robert to confirm its veracity or simply delete the "phishy" email.

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 or contact the church office.

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

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.



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

*During Canon Elise's sabbatical, May 20–August 31, please contact Fr. Robert. robert@SJBWestSeattle.org

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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St. John the Baptist Vestry

Class of 2026

Kitt Gassman
John Hainze
Lurilla Lee
Cathy Thompson,
senior warden

Class of 2028

Sten Crissey
Russ Crosbie
Adrienne Haycock
Becky Kacel

Class of 2027

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

Chair

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

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

<https://SJBWestSeattle.org/prayers>

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What's going on at SJB this week

Sunday, June 21 8:30 AM • Nave Spoken Holy Eucharist
Sunday, June 21 9:30 AM • Choir Room Choir Practice
Sunday, June 21 10:30 AM • Nave Holy Eucharist with Music
Monday, June 22 6:00 PM • Community Room AA Shipwrecked
Tuesday, June 23 7:00 PM • Community Room AA Into Action
Wednesday, June 24 9:45 AM • Library Buildings and Grounds Committee Meeting
Wednesday, June 24 11:00 AM • Library Spiritual Practices Group
Thursday, June 25 7:00 PM • Community Room AA 12x12
Friday, June 26 6:00 PM • Community Room AA Shipwrecked
Saturday, June 27 7:45 AM • Parish Hall, Community Room AI-Anon
Sunday, June 28 8:30 AM • Nave Spoken Holy Eucharist
Sunday, June 28 10:30 AM • Nave Holy Eucharist with Music
*Indicates that a group is renting SJB for this use.