



**THE HOLY EUCHARIST**  
**SIXTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST:**  
**Proper 9**

July 5, 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**

Prelude on *Hyfrydol*

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

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

# Hymn 657

## Love divine, all loves excelling

TUNE: *Hyfrydol*

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to  
2 Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy  
3 Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy  
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -  
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,  
more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - way bless - ing,  
ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with  
serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee  
till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.  
with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.  
crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Music: *Hyfrydol*, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887)

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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 S280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. 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: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

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## **The Collect of the Day**

**Sixth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 9**

*Presider* God be with you.

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

*Presider* Let us pray.

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; 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**

**Zechariah 9:9–12**

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

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

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

## Response



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The people sing with the cantor/choir on the **bold** verses.

**Psalm 145:8–15** • *Exaltabo te, Deus*

8 <sup>1</sup> The LORD is gracious and full of / *compassion*, \*  
<sup>2</sup> slow to anger and of great / *kindness*.

9 <sup>3</sup> The LORD is loving to / *everyone* \*  
<sup>4</sup> and his compassion is over all his / *works*.

10 <sup>1</sup> **All your works praise you, O / LORD**, \*  
<sup>2</sup> **and your faithful servants / bless you**.

11 <sup>3</sup> **They make known the glory of your / kingdom** \*  
<sup>4</sup> **and speak of your / power**;

12 <sup>1</sup> That the peoples may know of your / *power* \*  
<sup>2</sup> and the glorious splendor of your / *kingdom*.

13 <sup>3</sup> Your kingdom is an everlasting / *kingdom*; \*  
<sup>4</sup> your dominion endures throughout all / *ages*.

14 <sup>1</sup> **The LORD is faithful in all his / words** \*  
<sup>2</sup> **and merciful in all his / deeds**.

15 <sup>3</sup> **The LORD upholds all those who / fall**; \*  
<sup>4</sup> **he lifts up those who are bowed / down**.

## Second Reading

**Romans 7:15–25a**

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

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

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

## Gospel Acclamation

TUNE: *Land of Rest*, arr. Thomas Aláan

Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me;  
for I am gentle and humble in heart,  
and you will find rest for your souls.  
For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

— *Matthew 11:29-30*

*All repeat Alleluias.*

## Holy Gospel

*Standing as able.*

**Matthew 11:16–19, 25–30**

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

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

Jesus said to the crowd, “To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

*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.*

## 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 Anglican Church of South America. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for Holy Family of Jesus, Tacoma; St. Mary's, Lakewood; and St. Joseph-St. John, Lakewood. 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

Please stand as you are able.

## Offertory Music

*Where Sinne Sore Wounding* from *A Pilgrimes Solace*, No 17 John Dowland (1563-1626)

Where Sinne sore wounding, daily doth oppresse me There Grace abounding freely doth redresse mee: So that resounding still I shall confesse thee Father of mercy	The wound Sinne gave me was of Death assured Did not Grace save mee, whereby it is cured: So thou wilt have mee to thy love inured Free without merit
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Though Sinne offending daily doth torment mee Yet Grace amending, since I doe repent mee At my lives ending will I hope present mee Cleare to thy mercy	Sinnes stripe is healed, and his sting abated Deaths mouth is sealed, and the Grave amated Thy Love revealed, and thy Grace related Gives me this spirit
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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

<i>Celebrant</i>	<i>People</i>
God be with you. And al - so with you.	
<i>Celebrant</i>	<i>People</i>
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.	
<i>Celebrant</i>	<i>People</i>
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

Hymn 858 from the supplemental hymnal *Wonder, Love, and Praise*.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and  
might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed 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.

*Land of Rest*, CM, American folk melody; arr. Marcia Pruner; harm. Annabel Morris Buchanan (1889-1983) © Church Pension Fund  
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*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* *Descant.*

TUNE: *Land of Rest*, arr. Thomas Aláan      A - men. — A - men. A - - - men.

## 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.

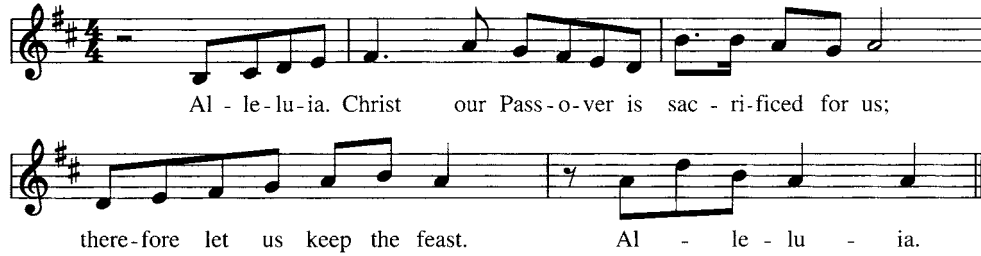
Setting: Plainsong; adapt. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944)

## Breaking of the Bread

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

## Fraction Anthem

Hymn 865 from the supplemental hymnal *Wonder, Love, and Praise*.



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.

Setting: Thaddeus P. Cavuoti (b. 1955), from *Mass of St. Columba*  
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## The Invitation to Communion

*Presider* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*You may be seated.*

*To receive Communion, you are invited to come to the altar rail and stand or kneel at one of the cushions. To receive the bread (wafer), please hold your hands palms up, and the Presider will place a wafer in your hands. Gluten-free bread is available for those requiring it. Please indicate this by holding your hands palms down initially. If you do not wish to partake of the consecrated wine from the common chalice, you may consume the wafer at the altar rail or return to your seat to consume it.*

*To receive the wine, please consume your wafer, and then wait for the Eucharistic Minister to bring the common cup to you at the altar rail. Please do not attempt to intinct (dip) the wafer into the chalice. If you prefer not to partake of the common cup, but would like to receive the words of ministration, simply cross your arms in front of your chest when the Eucharistic Minister comes to you at the altar rail.*

*Reception of the sacrament in one kind (either bread or wine) is considered a full experience of the sacrament.*

*If you would prefer to receive a blessing instead of communion, when you come to the altar rail, simply cross your arms in front of your chest, and the Presider will greet you and offer God's blessing.*

*If you are unable to come forward, ask an usher or someone nearby to request that communion be brought to you.*

# Hymn

Sung by all.

## Come to me, Ye who are hard oppressed

TUNE: [Come To Me]

Hymn 156 from the supplemental hymnal *Lift Every Voice and Sing II*.

1. "Come to me, Ye who are hard \_ op - pressed;  
2. "Come to me!" Je - ho - vah gen - tly pleads;

1. Lay your head gen - tly up - on \_ my breast; \_\_\_\_\_  
2. "Come to me, I can sup - ply \_ all needs; \_\_\_\_\_

1. Come to me, And I will give \_ you rest; wea - ry  
2. And my way, Un - to green pas - ture leads; Free from

1. one, Hith - er come! God is your home!"  
2. sin! En - ter in! God is your home!"

Words: Traditional

Music: Negro Spiritual; arr. R. Nathaniel Dett (1882-1943)

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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

### I heard the voice of Jesus say

TUNE: *Kingsfold*

Hymn 692 from the supplemental hymnal *Journeysongs*, third edition.

1. I heard the voice of Je-sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;  
2. I heard the voice of Je-sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give  
3. I heard the voice of Je-sus say, "I am this dark world's light;

1. Lay down, thou wea - ry one, lay down Thy head up - on my breast."  
2. The liv - ing wa - ter; thirst - y one, Stoop down, and drink, and live."  
3. Look un - to me, thy morn shall rise, And all thy day be bright."

1. I came to Je - sus as I was, So wea - ry, worn and sad;  
2. I came to Je - sus, and I drank Of that life - giv - ing stream;  
3. I looked to Je - sus, and I found In him my star, my sun;

1. I found in him a rest - ing place, And he has made me glad.  
2. My thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, And now I live in him.  
3. And in that light of life I'll walk Till trav-'ling days are done.

Text: CMD; Horatius Bonar, 1808-1889, alt.

Music: KINGSFOLD; trad. English melody; *English Country Songs*, 1893; adapt. and arr. by Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958.

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## Dismissal

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

*People* Thanks be to God.

## Postlude

Variations on *America*

Martha Sobaje (b. 1948)

## **Serving in Worship Today**

**Altar Guild:** Stephanie Bonyng; **Closer:** John Hainze;  
**Coffee Hour:** Julia Wight, Kathy Lund; **Eucharistic Minister/Intercessor:** Tom Taylor;  
**Flowers:** Carol Long; **Music:** Layne Bautista, Thomas Dickey;  
**Preaching/Presiding:** The Rev. Robert G. Stevens;  
**Readers:** Lynn Ogdon-Perrine, Kathy Lund;  
**Ushers:** Carol Sutcliffe, Becky Kacel;  
**Verger:** Katie Bucy.

### **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

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 in the Parish Hall

3:00 p.m. Worship at The Mount

## **Phishing scam continues**

SJB continues to respond to phishing scams. Please delete emails from Fr. Robert and Cn. Elise with email addresses other than @sbjwestseattle.org. Also, ignore and delete Ecard invitations from BlueMountain.com. If any suspicious emails from friends and parishioners land in your email inbox, text or call them – if you email back, the phishers will respond and encourage you to click their link or fill in your email address. Do not respond in any way. Always feel free to call the office for clarification.

## **Fr. Robert is back**

Fr. Robert has returned from his Iconography workshop retreat.

## **Summer Schedule for Children**

Children's Chapel is being held once a month during the summer, July 12 and August 9, before resuming weekly on September 13, 2026. Activity bags and worksheets continue to be available in the children's welcome area next to the ushers' table in the narthex.

## **Fourth of July Holiday – Parish Office closed**

The Parish Office is closed on Monday, July 6, for the Fourth of July holiday.

## **Join SJB for Baseball July 11**

A few tickets are left! Please sign up in the narthex 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.

## **Ordination at Saint Mark's Cathedral July 18**

SJB's very own Alison Estep will be ordained at Saint Mark's Cathedral on July 18 at 10:30 a.m. Three acolytes and three oblation bearer positions are still open if an SJB parishioner would like to sign up. To sign up, please call the office, Fr. Robert Stevens, or type in this link: [www.signupgenius.com/go/10C044FA5A82DABF4C16-64550150-ordinations# /](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C044FA5A82DABF4C16-64550150-ordinations#/).

## **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 get to know you and welcome you to SJB. If you are interested in providing snacks and hospitality during our weekly Coffee Hour, please sign up 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!

## **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)

## **Wednesday Evening Prayer**

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>

## **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](mailto:familylife@SJBWestSeattle.org)

## **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](http://www.huston.org) or contact the church office.

## **Security upgrade coming later this year**

Many thanks to those who have contacted Alexandra in the Parish Office to update their Safe Church certification. If you are involved in a ministry that requires access to SJB after office hours and requires you to have a key, please complete the Safe Church training by September 1, 2026. If you have keys and no longer need them for your ministry, please feel free to return them to the Parish Office. The training needs to be completed every three years. If you need help with accessing the online training, please contact Alexandra. [office@SJBWestSeattle.org](mailto:office@SJBWestSeattle.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)

\*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  
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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

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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, July 5, 8:30 AM Nave <b>Spoken Holy Eucharist</b>
Sunday, July 5, 10:30 AM Nave <b>Holy Eucharist with Music</b>
Sunday, July 5, 3:00 PM Providence Mount St. Vincent <b>Worship at The Mount</b>
Monday, July 6, 6:00 PM Community Room <b>AA Shipwrecked*</b>
Monday, July 6, 10:00 AM Parish Office <b>Closed for Fourth of July Holiday</b>
Tuesday, July 7, 7:00 PM Community Room <b>AA Into Action*</b>
Wednesday, July 8, 11:00 AM Library <b>Spiritual Practices Group</b>
Wednesday, July 8, 6:30 PM Zoom <b>Evening Prayer</b>
Thursday, July 9, 7:00 PM Community Room <b>AA 12x12*</b>
Friday, July 10, 6:00 PM Community Room <b>AA Shipwrecked*</b>
Saturday, July 11, 7:45 AM Parish Hall, Community Room <b>Al-Anon*</b>
Saturday, July 11, 8:00 AM Chelan Café <b>Men's Breakfast</b>
Sunday, July 12, 8:30 AM Nave <b>Spoken Holy Eucharist</b>
Sunday, July 12, 10:30 AM Nave, Large Godly Play Room <b>Children's Chapel with Godly Play</b>
Sunday, July 12, 10:30 AM Nave <b>Holy Eucharist with Music</b>

\*Indicates that a group is renting SJB for this use.