



THE HOLY EUCHARIST

EIGHTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST:

Proper 11

July 19, 2026
10:30 A.M.



St. John the Baptist Episcopal Church
in the Admiral District of West Seattle

*We acknowledge that we are on the unceded traditional land of the Coast Salish people,
including the Duwamish and Suquamish People past and present.*

We honor with gratitude the land itself and the Duwamish and Suquamish tribes.

Please know, that wherever you are in your spiritual journey, you have a place at St. John's.

Portions of this service are from the optional expansive-language versions of the 1979 *Book of Common Prayer*, as authorized by the 79th General Convention in 2018. The inclusive language version of *Eucharistic Prayer C* is authorized by the Diocese of Olympia.

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

"Little" Prelude in C minor, BWV 934

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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

Hymn 392

Come, we that love the Lord

TUNE: *Vineyard Haven*

1 Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;
2 Let those re-fuse to sing that nev-er knew our God;
3 The heirs of grace have found glo-ry be-gun be-low;
4 Then let our song a-bound and let our tears be dry;

join in a song with sweet ac-cord and thus sur-round the throne.
but chil-dren of the heaven-ly King may speak their joys a-broad.
ce-les-tial fruits on earth-ly ground from faith and hope may grow.
we're march-ing through Em-man-uel's ground to fair-er worlds on high.

Refrain
Ho-san-na, ho-san-na! Re-joice, give thanks and sing.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt.

Music: *Vineyard Haven*, Richard Wayne Dirksen (b. 1921)

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SM with Refrain

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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

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 11

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Sending of Children to Children's Chapel

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

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

You may be seated.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Wisdom of Solomon 12:13, 16-19

There is no god besides you, whose care is for all people, to whom you should prove that you have not judged unjustly; for your strength is the source of righteousness, and your sovereignty over all causes you to spare all. For you show your strength when people doubt the completeness of your power, and you rebuke any insolence among those who know it. Although you are sovereign in strength, you judge with mildness, and with great forbearance you govern us; for you have power to act whenever you choose.

Through such works you have taught your people that the righteous must be kind, and you have filled your children with good hope, because you give repentance for sins.

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 86:11–17 • *Inclina, Domine*

- 11 ¹ Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk in your / *truth*; *
² knit my heart to you that I may fear your / *Name*.
- 12 ³ I will thank you, O LORD my God, with all my / *heart*, *
⁴ and glorify your Name for ever- / *more*.
- 13 ¹ **For great is your love toward / *me*; ***
² **you have delivered me from the nethermost / *Pit*.**
- 14 ³ **The arrogant rise up against me, O God, and a band of violent men seeks my / *life*; ***
⁴ **they have not set you before their / *eyes*.**
- 15 ¹ But you, O LORD, are gracious and full of com- / *passion*, *
² slow to anger, and full of kindness and / *truth*.
- 16 ³ Turn to me and have mercy u- / *pon me*; *
⁴ give your strength to your servant; and save the child of your / *handmaid*.
- 17 ¹ **Show me a sign of your / *favor*,**
² **so that those who hate me may see it and be a- / *shamed*; ***
⁴ **because you, O LORD, have helped me and comforted / *me*.**

Second Reading

Romans 8:12–25

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ— if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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

Gospel Acclamation



Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire,
so will it be at the end of the age...

Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father.

Let anyone with ears listen!

— *Matthew 13:40, 43*

All repeat Alleluias.

Holy Gospel

Standing as able.

Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43

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

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

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ But he replied, ‘No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’”

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!”

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
Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for
St. Luke's Memorial, Tacoma; St. Matthew's, Browns Point/Tacoma; All Saints', Tacoma.
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

Offertory Music

The Lord's Prayer

Albert Hay Malotte (1895-1964)

Presentation

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.

Standing as able.

People All things come from you, O God, and from your own have we given you.

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.**

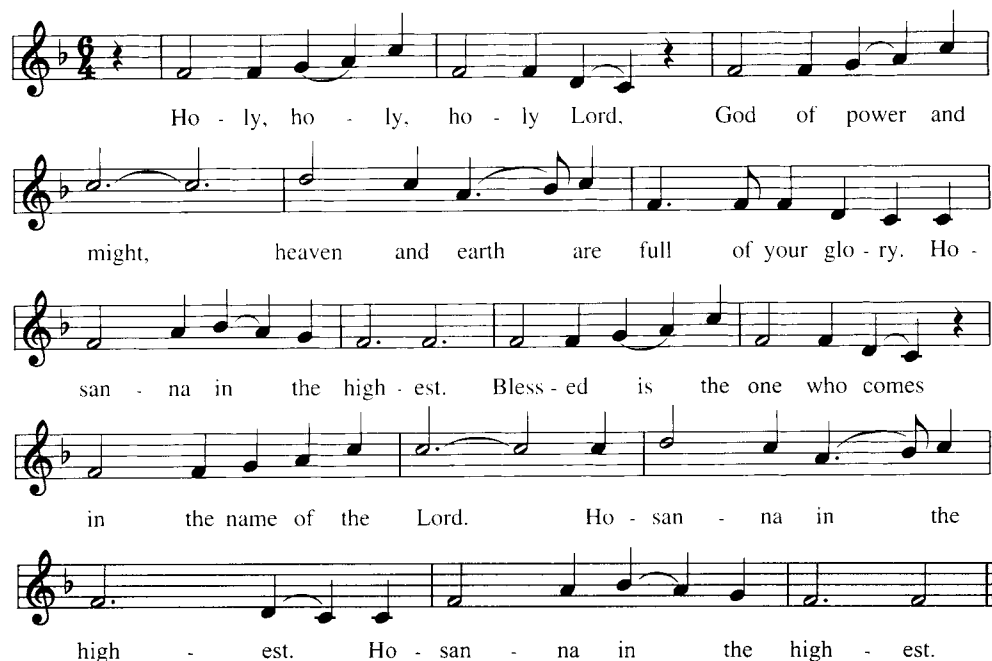
Presider Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of Mary his mother, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

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*.



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.**

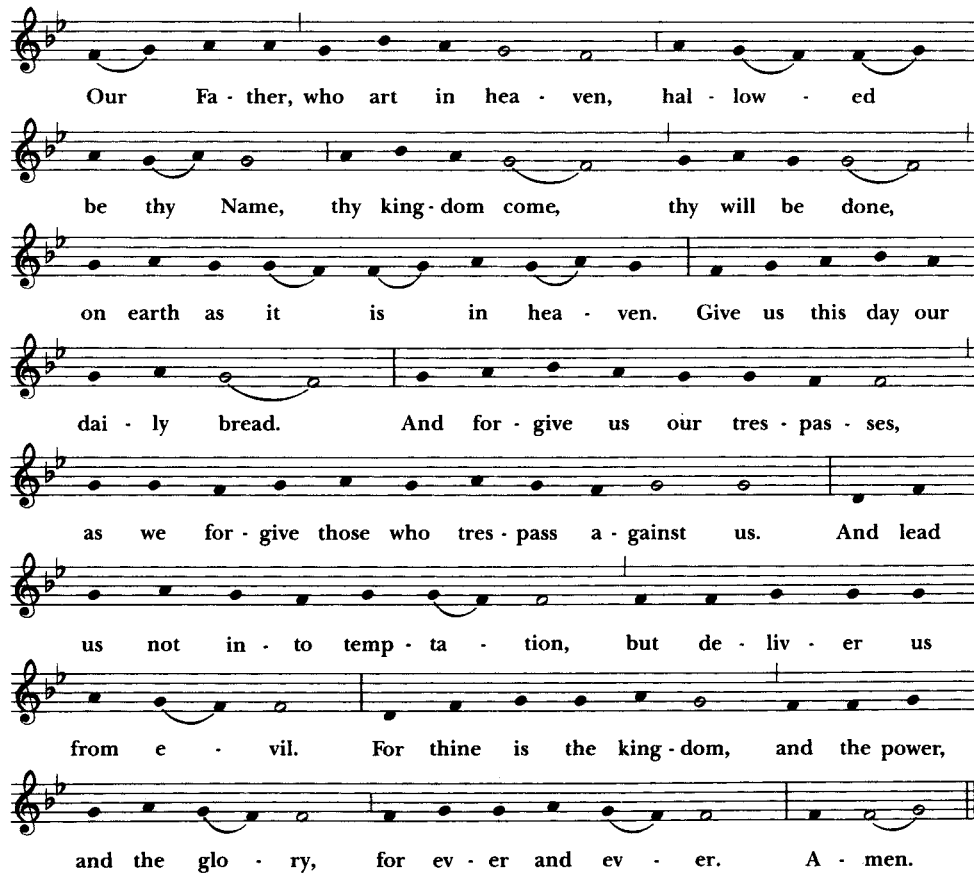
Presider Accept these prayers and praises, O God, Most Merciful, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.



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

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.

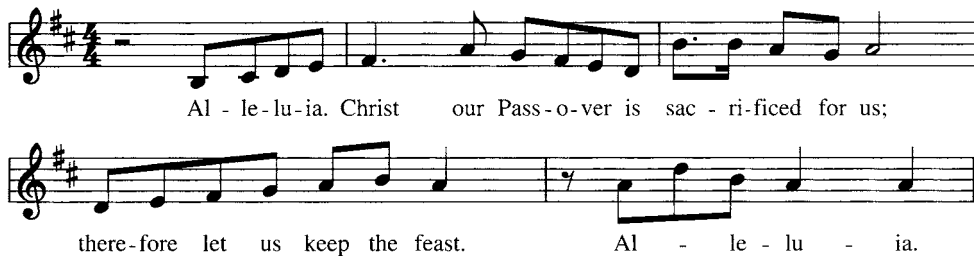
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Breaking of the Bread

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.

As we gather at your Table

TUNE: *Raquel*

Hymn 763 from the supplemental hymnal *Wonder, Love, and Praise*.



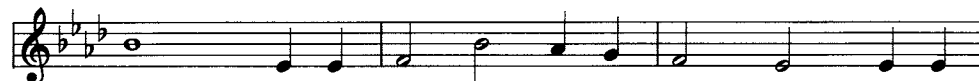
1. As we gath - er at your
2. Turn our wor - ship in - to
3. Gra - cious Spi - rit, help us



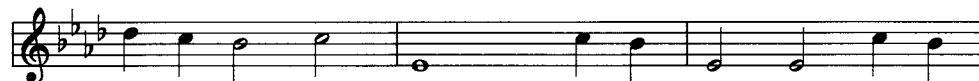
Ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your Word, help us
wit - ness in the sac - ra - ment of life; send us
sum - mon oth - er guests to share that Feast where tri -



know, O God, your pres - ence; let our hearts and minds be
forth to love and serve you, bring - ing peace where there is
um - phant Love will wel - come those who had been last and



stirred. Nour - ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we
strife. Give us, Christ, your great com - pas - sion to for -
least. There no more will en - vy blind us nor will



claim it as our own; teach us through this ho - ly
give as you for - gave; may we still be - hold your
pride our peace des - troy, as we join with saints and



ban - quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known.
im - age in the world you died to save.
an - gels to re - peat the sound - ing joy.

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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 302

Father, we thank thee who has 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

Variations on *Rendez à Dieu*

Douglas E. Wagner (b. 1952)

Serving in Worship Today

Acolyte: Charlie Lewis; **Altar Guild:** Wilma Hansen; **Closer:** Lauren Cox;

Coffee Hour: Tanya Baklanoff, Mitch Kieff; **Eucharistic Minister/Intercessor:** Ann Blake;

Flowers: Sharon Parker; **Music:** Thomas Aláan, Thomas Dickey, Sonja Lund, SJB Bell Choir:

Donna McNamara, Cathie Knox-Browning, Carol Long, Sharon Parker, Layne Bautista, Tanya Baklanoff, Wilma Hansen, Lori MacDonald, Lilith Lysistrata, Heidi Jindrich, David Stinson;

Preaching/Presiding: The Rev. Robert G. Stevens; **Readers:** Andrew Campbell, Robbie Ralkowski;

Ushers: Kathy Lund, David Perrine; **Verger:** John Hainze.

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.

11:45 a.m. Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall

Quarterly Statements

Quarterly giving statements are now available for pickup in the Narthex/lobby. Any envelopes that are not picked up by August 9 will be mailed. Thanks!

Phishing Scam Continues

The phishing scam emails have slowed. Kudos to the congregation for your response!

This ongoing phishing attack has been a hassle, but we are so grateful to you all for your robust response. Your continuing diligence is mitigating the damage from this scam. Thank you for remaining vigilant and for helping to protect us all.

Please delete email from Fr. Robert and Cn. Elise with email addresses other than @SJBWestSeattle.org. Also, ignore and delete Ecard invitations from BlueMountain.com. Do not respond in any way. Always feel free to call the office for clarification.

Summer Schedule for Children

The next Children's Chapel will be August 9 — before resuming weekly on September 27. Activity bags and worksheets continue to be available in the children's welcome area next to the ushers' table in the narthex.

Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall

Hosting coffee hour after the 10:30 a.m. service is a great way to share hospitality with members and visitors by providing simple snacks, preparing coffee, and offering a smiling face and warm presence on Sunday mornings.

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

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

Two Sunday confirmation classes remain: August 2 and September 13 from 12:30–2:30 p.m. in the Library. If you have questions, contact Family Life Minister, Jackson Espeut. familylife@SJBWestSeattle.org

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 camps to adult craft camps. Scholarships are available for any SJB youth who would like to attend. There are only a few sessions left, so register soon! For more information, please visit www.huston.org or contact the church office.

Safe Church Training

SJB has increased Safe Church certification by 23% thanks to the many parishioners who have taken the training. Thank you! 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 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.
office@SJBWestSeattle.org

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Lurilla Lee
Cathy Thompson,
senior warden

Class of 2027

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

Class of 2028

Sten Crissey
Russ Crosbie
Adrienne Haycock
Becky Kacel

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, July 19, 8:30 AM

Nave

Spoken Holy Eucharist

Sunday, July 19, 10:30 AM

Nave

Holy Eucharist with Music

Sunday, July 19, 2:30 PM

Parish Hall

West Seattle Indivisible*

Monday, July 20, 6:00 PM

Community Room

AA Shipwrecked*

Tuesday, July 21, 7:00 PM

Community Room

AA Into Action*

Wednesday, July 22, 9:45 AM

Library

Building and Grounds Committee Meeting

Wednesday, July 22, 11:00 AM

Library

Spiritual Practices Group

Wednesday, July 22, 6:30 PM

Zoom

Evening Prayer

Thursday, July 23, 7:00 PM

Community Room

AA 12x12*

Friday, July 24, 6:00 PM

Community Room

AA Shipwrecked*

Saturday, July 25, 7:45 AM

Parish Hall, Community Room

AI-Anon*

Sunday, July 26, 8:30 AM

Nave

Spoken Holy Eucharist

Sunday, July 26, 10:30 AM

Nave

Holy Eucharist with Music

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