



THE HOLY EUCHARIST

TWELFTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST:

Proper 15

August 16, 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 in F-sharp Major, Op 28 No 13

Frederic Chopin (1810-1849)

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

Hymn

Pass me not, O gentle Savior

TUNE: *Pass Me Not*

Hymn 139 from the supplemental hymnal *Lift Every Voice and Sing II*.

1. Pass me not, O gen - tle Sav - ior, Hear my hum - ble cry;
2. Let me at thy throne of mer - cy Find a sweet re - lief;
3. Trust - ing on - ly in thy mer - it, Would I seek thy face;
4. Thou the spring of all my com - fort, More than life to me,

1. While on oth - ers thou art call - ing, Do not pass me by.
2. Kneel - ing there in deep con - tri - tion, Help my un - be - lief.
3. Heal my wound - ed, bro - ken spi - rit, Save me by thy grace.
4. Whom have I on earth be - side thee? Whom in heav'n but thee?

Sav - ior, Sav - ior, Hear my hum - ble cry;

While on oth - ers thou art call - ing, Do not pass me by.

Words: Fanny J. Crosby (1820-1915)

Music: William H. Doane (1832-1915)

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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

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 15

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

You may be seated.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Isaiah 56:1, 6–8

Thus says the LORD:

Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed.

And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant— these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.

Thus says the Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

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 67 • *Deus misereatur*

- 1 ¹ May God be merciful to us and / *bold* bless us, *
 ² show us the light of his countenance and come to / us.
- 2 ³ Let your ways be known upon / *bold* earth, *
 ⁴ your saving health among all / nations.
- 3 ¹ **Let the peoples praise you, O / God;** *
 ² let all the peoples / praise you.
- 4 ³ **Let the nations be glad and sing for / joy,** *
 ⁴ for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon / earth.
- 5 ¹ Let the peoples praise you, O / God; *
 ² let all the peoples / praise you.
- 6 ³ The earth has brought forth her / increase; *
 ⁴ may God, our own God, give us his / blessing.
- 7 ¹ **May God give us his / blessing,** *
 ⁴ and may all the ends of the earth stand in / awe of him.

Second Reading

Romans 11:1–2a, 29–32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation



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

Then Jesus answered her,
 "Woman, great is your faith!
 Let it be done for you as you wish."

— Matthew 15:28

All repeat Alleluias.

Holy Gospel

Standing as able.

Matthew 15:10–28

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

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

Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

Presider The Gospel of our Savior.

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

You may be seated.

The Sermon

The Reverend Mac Murray

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 Church in Wales. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. Augustine's in-the-Woods, Freeland; and St. Philip's, Marysville. 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

His eye is on the sparrow

C.H. [Charles Hutchinson] Gabriel (1856-1932)

arr. Martin Green

Why should I feel discouraged,
Why should the shadows come,
Why should my heart be lonely,
And long for Heaven and home,
When Jesus is my portion?
My constant Friend is He:
Chorus...

"Let not your heart be troubled,"
His tender word I hear,
And resting on His goodness,
I lose my doubts and fears;
Though by the path He leadeth,
But one step I may see;
Chorus...

Whenever I am tempted,
Whenever clouds arise,
When songs give place to sighing,
When hope within me dies,
I draw the closer to Him,
From care He sets me free;
Chorus...

His eye is on the sparrow, And I know He watches me; His eye is on the sparrow, And I know He watches me.
I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free, For His eye is on the sparrow, And I know He watches me.

— C.D. [Civilla Durfee] Martin (1866-1948)

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

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.**

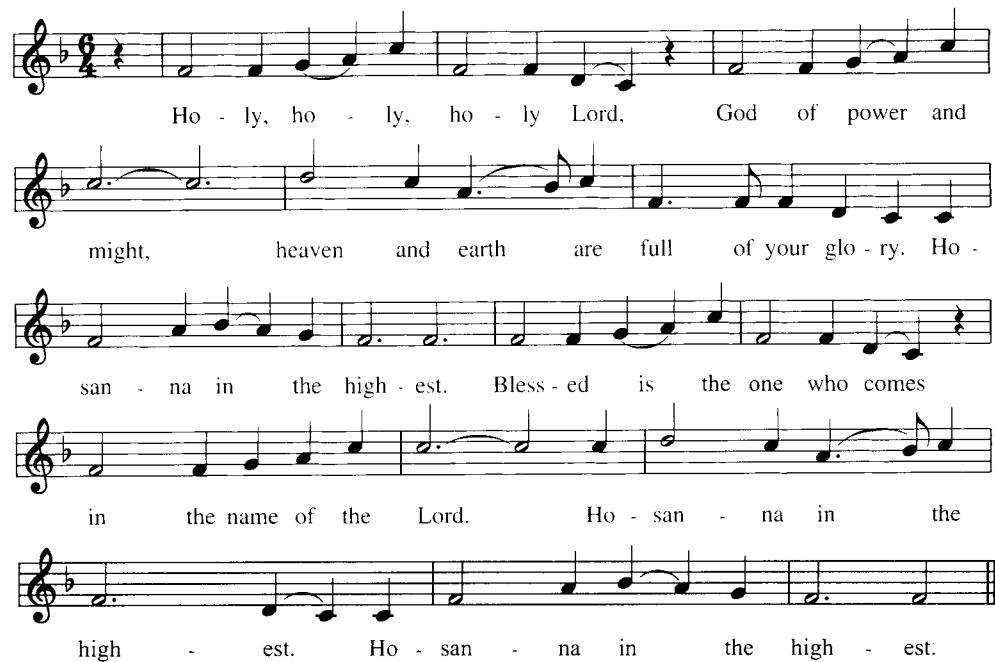
Presider Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of Mary his mother, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

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

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



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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

My Lord calls me, he calls me by the thunder

TUNE: Steal Away

Hymn 103 from the supplemental hymnal *Lift Every Voice and Sing II*.

Steal a-way, steal a-way, steal a-way to Je - sus!

Fine

Steal a-way, steal a-way home, I ain't got long to stay here!

1. My Lord — calls me, He calls me by the thun - der;
2. Green trees are bend - ing, Poor sin - ner stands a - trem - bling;
3. Tomb stones are burst - ing, Poor sin - ner stands a - trem - bling;
4. My Lord — calls me, He calls me by the light - ning,

D.C.

The trum-pet sounds with - in - a my soul, I ain't got long to stay here.

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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

Every time I feel the Spirit

TUNE: *Feel the Spirit*

Hymn 114 from the supplemental hymnal *Lift Every Voice and Sing II*.

Harmony

Ev' - ry time I feel the spir - it, mov - ing
in my heart, I will pray. Ev' - ry time I feel the
spir - it, mov - ing in my heart, I will pray.

Fine

unison

1. Up - on the moun - tain my Lord spoke, out of his
2. Jor - dan ri - ver chil - ly and cold, chills the

(?)

1. mouth came fire and smoke. All a - round me looked so
2. bod - y but not the soul. There ain't but one train runs this

D.C.

1. fine, asked my Lord if all was mine.
2. track, runs to heav - en and runs right back.

Words: Traditional
Music: Negro Spiritual

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Dismissal

Presider Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Traditional Spiritual: *Wade In the Water*

arr. Mark Hayes (b. 1953)

Serving in Worship Today

Acolyte: Grayson Sandoval;

Altar Guild: Wilma Hansen;

Closer: Russ Crosbie;

Coffee Hour: Julie Scheid, Lynn Thompson;

Eucharistic Minister/Intercessor: Adrienne Haycock;

Flowers: Lynn Ogdon-Perrine;

Livestream: Walter Johnstone;

Music: Thomas Aláan, Joyce Gibb, Melinda Sims;

Preaching/Presiding: The Rev. Mac Murray;

Readers: Lynn Ogdon-Perrine, Tom Taylor;

Ushers: Mary Kay Jones, Kathy Lund;

Verger: Lilith Lysistrata.

Summer Food Drive for our Little Free Pantry

Please bring items to the marked basket in the narthex/lobby before Sunday, September 30. On this day, we will present your donations during the offertory portion of our service and give thanks to God for this 24x7 ministry that helps to feed our neighbors.

- Dry items like rice, pasta, peanut butter (in plastic jars), granola bars, and powdered milk
- Easy-to-open protein sources like tuna or chicken in foil pouches, macaroni and cheese cups, and nuts
- Powdered sports drinks, juice boxes, and bottles of water
- Non-aerosol sunscreen, bug spray, and aloe vera
- Deodorant, wet wipes, bar soap, and feminine care products

Pastoral Care Phone Number

SJB has a 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

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

2:30 p.m. West Seattle Indivisible in the Parish Hall

Welcome Fr. Mac Murray

Our guest preacher and presider this morning is The Rev. William MacDonald "Mac" Murray.

Following a 26-year career with General Dynamics, Fr. Mac responded to the call to Holy Orders in 1999. After graduating from the Virginia Theological Seminary, he served as Associate Priest at Grace Church in The Plains, Virginia. In 2006 he was called as Rector of Trinity Church in Milford, Massachusetts, where he served for 13 years before retiring at the end of 2019. Fr. Mac currently serves on the Board of Mission to Seafarers and as Priest Associate at Ascension in Magnolia. Fr. Mac is sporting an N95 mask as his immune system has reset (read "newborn infant") after the successful completion of CAR T cell therapy, resulting in total remission. He is grateful for all the prayer support across our diocese this past year.

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 sheet in the Parish Hall. Hosts serve in teams. Experienced hosts are happy to show newcomers the ropes. Thank you!

Parish Office Vacation Staffing

Interim Parish Administrator Alexandra Thompson will be out of the office through August 27. In her absence, Jeana Frazier and Lynda Livingston will be staffing the Parish Office. Open hours may be different than usual, so feel free to call or email the office and someone will return your message as soon as possible.

Garden Volunteer Opportunity

In addition to the Little Free Pantry, the White Center Welcome Table Meal, and the Lord's Lunch, SJB has sponsored a feeding program for the past 15 years. Volunteers from SJB tend raised-bed gardens on the east side of the church on 42nd Ave SW. The produce is donated to the West Seattle Food Bank year-round: peas, lettuce, and beans in summer and kale in winter. We need additional volunteers, especially from mid-August through September to help harvest and delivery. For information, contact Lori MacDonald, 206-849-1098, or Carol Long, 206-930-4991.

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

Evening Prayer is a lovely way to wind down the day. At the beginning of the service, everyone chooses a role. The bulletin is displayed on the screen. At the end there is a short social hour. Come join us on Zoom, Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/229332884>

Save the Dates

Tuesday, September 1

The Rev. Cn. Elise Johnstone returns to the office. Welcome back, Canon Elise!

Sunday, September 6

Fr. Robert will return to SJB on September 6 for both services. Don't miss the Coffee Hour celebration wishing him a fond farewell.

Sunday, September 13

Fall Kickoff Sunday, complete with hot dogs, bouncy house, and activities for kids (and the young at heart) located in the church parking lot. We also will welcome our new curate, The Rev. Vince Booth.

Sunday, September 20

SJB welcomes The Rt. Rev. Phil LaBelle, Bishop of the Diocese of Olympia, who will officiate the rites of Baptism and Confirmation.

Sunday, September 27

Fall Adult Sunday Formation begins. Our first topic will be *Keeping Your Daily Devotions Fresh*, with Fr. Peter Wallace.

Final Youth Confirmation Class

The last confirmation class will be September 13, 12:30–2:30 p.m. in the Library. If you have any questions, contact Family Life Minister Jackson Espeut. familylife@SJBWestSeattle.org

Sign Up to Help with Fall Kickoff

Please check the signup sheets in the narthex/lobby for items and help needed to make our Fall Kickoff a success! This fun event is scheduled for Sunday, September 13, following the 10:30 a.m. service. Helping hands are needed for setup and cleanup; and we're looking for delicious side dishes and desserts to accompany our hot-dog stand. Thank you!

Children's Chapel

Children's Chapel will resume on September 27. Activity bags and worksheets are in the children's welcome area next to the ushers' table in the narthex.



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+
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*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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Class of 2027

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

Class of 2028

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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 August 16, 8:30 AM Nave Spoken Holy Eucharist
Sunday August 16, 10:30 AM Nave Holy Eucharist with Music
Sunday August 16, 10:30 AM Godly Play Room Children's Chapel
Sunday August 16, 2:30 PM Parish Hall, Community Room West Seattle Indivisible*
Monday August 17, 6:00 PM Community Room AA Shipwrecked*
Tuesday August 18, 7:00 PM Community Room AA Into Action*
Tuesday August 18, 7:00 PM Library Vestry Meeting
Wednesday August 19, 6:30 PM Zoom Evening Prayer
Thursday August 20, 7:00 PM Community Room AA 12x12*
Friday August 21, 6:00 PM Community Room AA Shipwrecked*
Saturday August 22, 7:45 AM Parish Hall, Community Room Al-Anon*
Sunday August 23, 8:30 AM Nave Spoken Holy Eucharist
Sunday August 23, 10:30 AM Nave Holy Eucharist with Music

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