



THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST:

Proper 16

August 23, 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

Reflection on *Nettleton*

James Koerts (1976-2023)

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

Hymn

Come, Thou fount of every blessing

TUNE: *Nettleton*

Hymn 111 from the supplemental hymnal *Lift Every Voice and Sing II*.

1. Come, Thou fount of ev-ery bless-ing, Tune my heart to sing thy
2. Here I raise my Eb-en-e-zer, Hith-er by thy help I'm
3. O, to grace how great a debt-or, Dai-ly I'm con-strained to

1. grace; Streams of mer-cy nev-er ceas-ing, Call for songs of loud-est
2. come; And I hope, by thy good pleas-ure, Sure-ly to ar-rive at
3. be; Let that grace, Lord, like a fet-ter, Bind my won-d'ring heart to

1. praise. Teach me some me-lo-dious son-net, Sung by flam-ing tongues a
2. home. Je-sus sought me when a stran-ger, Wan-d'ring from the fold of
3. Thee. Prone to wan-der, Lord, I feel-it, Prone to leave the God I

1. bove. Praise the mount, O fix me on it. Mount of God's un-chang-ing love.
2. God. He, to save my soul from dan-ger, In-ter-posed His pre-cious blood.
3. love. Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it, Seal it from thy courts a-bove.

Words: Robert Robinson (1735-1790)

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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

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 16

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

You may be seated.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Isaiah 51:1–6

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the Lord. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. For the Lord will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song.

Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples. I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be for ever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

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 138 • Confitebor tibi

- 1 ¹ I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole / heart; *
 ² before the gods I will sing your / praise.
- 2 ³ I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your / Name, *
 ⁴ because of your love and / faithfulness;
- 3 ¹ **For you have glorified your / Name ***
 ² **and your word above all / things.**
- 4 ³ **When I called, you answered / me; ***
 ⁴ **you increased my strength with- / in me.**
- 5 ¹ All the kings of the earth will praise you, O / LORD, *
 ² when they have heard the words of your / mouth.
- 6 ³ **They will sing of the ways of the / LORD, ***
 ⁴ **that great is the glory of the / LORD.**
- 7 ¹ Though the LORD be high, he cares for the / lowly; *
 ² he perceives the haughty from a- / far.
- 8 ³ Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me / safe; *
 you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
 ⁴ your right hand shall / save me.
- 9 ¹ **The LORD will make good his purpose for / me; ***
 ² **O LORD, your love endures for / ever;**
 ³ **do not abandon the works of your / hands.**

Second Reading

Romans 12:1–8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God-- what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation



He said to them,
“But who do you say that I am?”
Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah,
the Son of the living God.”

— Matthew 16:15–16

All repeat Alleluias.

Holy Gospel

Standing as able.

Matthew 16:13–20

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

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

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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 Church of the Province of West Africa. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. Martin – St. Francis, Rockport. 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

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of St. John the Baptist Episcopal Church,
please visit <https://SJBWestSeattle.org/give>
or use the SJB Venmo QR code. Thank you.*



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THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Offertory Sentence

Presider Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

— *Ephesians 5:2*

Offertory Music

Let all mortal flesh keep silence

TUNE: *Picardy*, arr. Caitlin Foster

Representative text can be found in *The Hymnal 1982* at hymn 324.

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

The musical notation consists of three staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff is for the Celebrant and the People, with the lyrics "God be with you. And al - so with you." The second staff is for the Celebrant and the People, with the lyrics "Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord." The third staff is for the Celebrant and the People, with the lyrics "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give God thanks and praise."

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.**

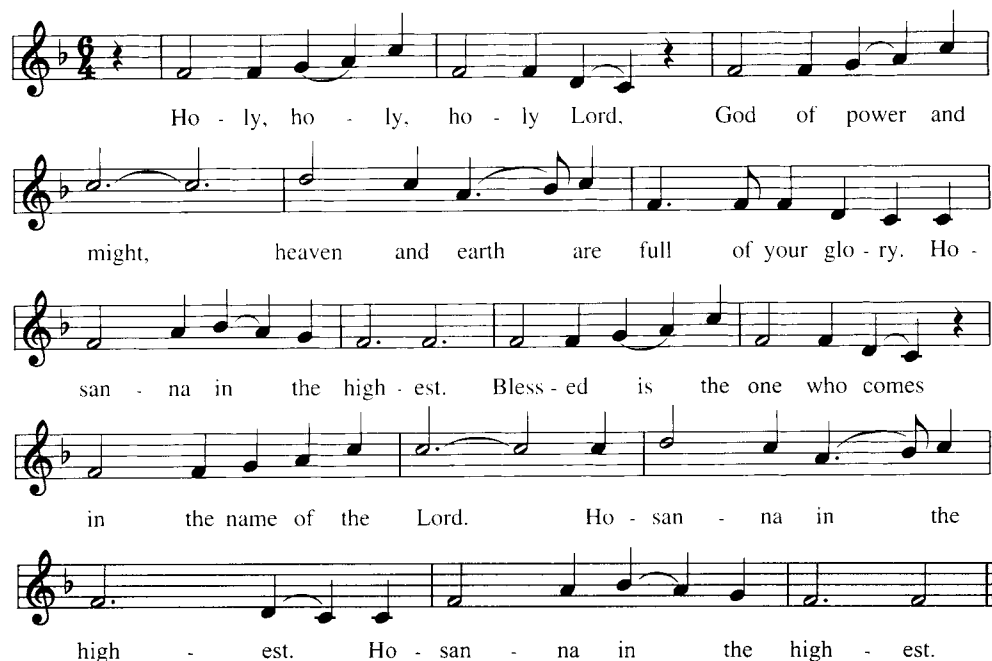
Presider Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of Mary his mother, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

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*.



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.

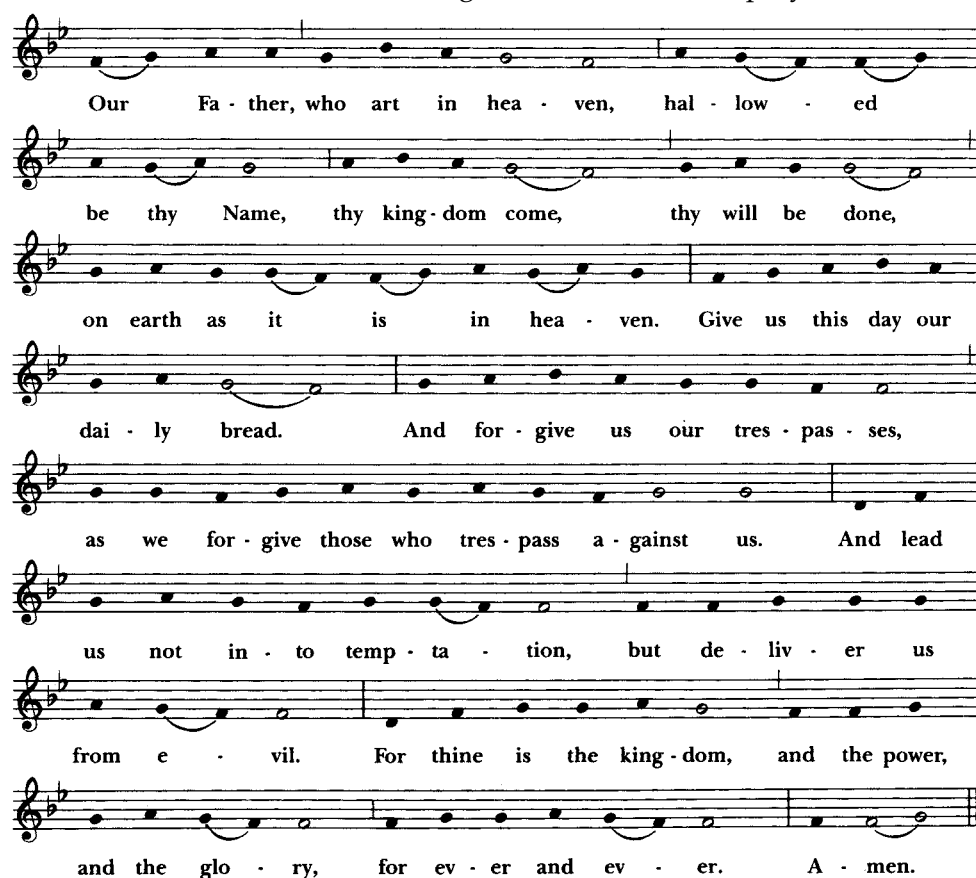
Presider Accept these prayers and praises, O God, Most Merciful, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.



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.

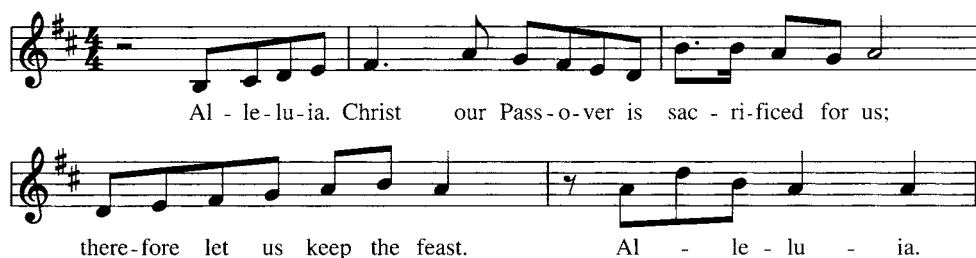
Setting: Plainsong; adapt. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944)

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.

Communion Music

Ave verum corpus

arr. Caitlin Foster

Hail true Body born of the Virgin Mary. Having truly suffered and sacrificed on the cross for us,
whose pierced side gushed forth water and blood, be a foretaste of heaven in our last moment.

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.**

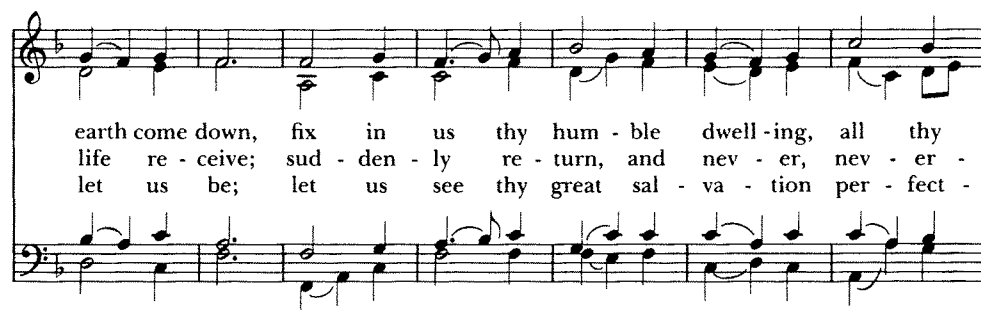
Hymn 657

Love divine, all loves excelling

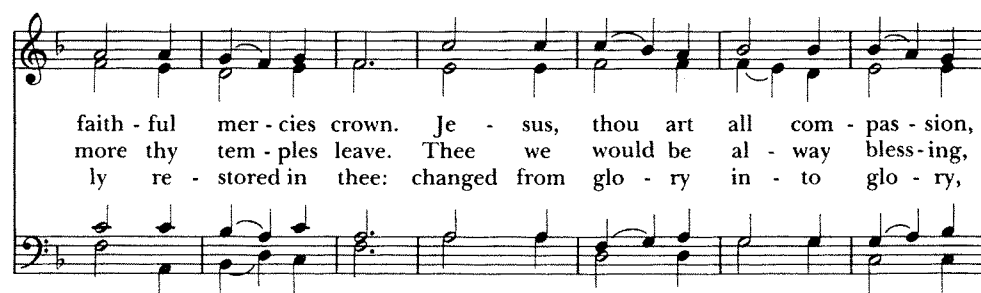
TUNE: *Hyfrydol*



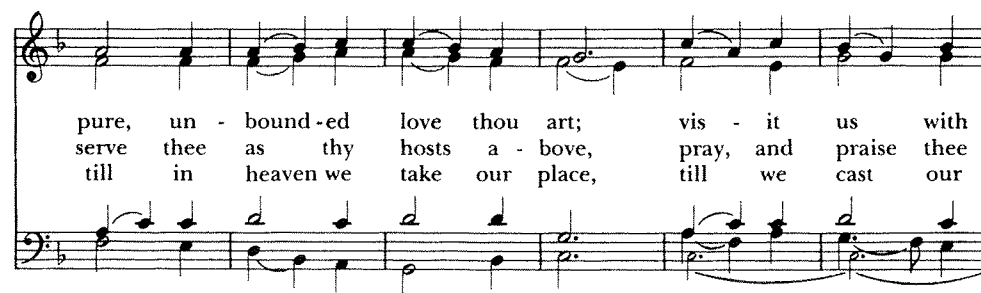
1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to
 2 Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy
 3 Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less



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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Dismissal

Presider Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Postlude on *Hyfrydol*

David Lasky (b. 1957)

Serving in Worship Today

Acolyte: Jordan Alfonzo; **Altar Guild:** Carolyn Koehler; **Closer:** Becky Kacel;
Coffee Hour: Heidi Jindrich, Lilith Lysistrata; **Eucharistic Minister/Intercessor:** Ann Blake;
Flowers: Sandy Hanson; **Livestream:** Ron Thompson; **Music:** Thomas Dickey,
Treble Ensemble: Cathie Knox-Browning, Sonja Lund, Melinda Sims, Katie Bucy,
Donna McNamara, Tanya Baklanoff; **Preaching/Presiding:** The Rev. Robert G. Stevens;
Readers: Andrew Campbell, John Kettel; **Ushers:** Jan Johnson, Lilith Lysistrata;
Verger: Layne Bautista.

Summer Food Drive for our Little Free Pantry

Please bring items to the marked basket in the narthex/lobby before Sunday, **August 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.

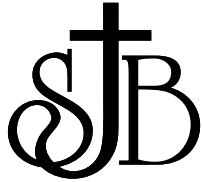
As always, if you are experiencing a life-threatening emergency, call **911**.

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



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, 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 with 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+
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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senior warden

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 23 8:30 AM Nave Spoken Holy Eucharist
Sunday, August 23 10:30 AM Nave Holy Eucharist with Music
Monday, August 24 6:00 PM Community Room AA Shipwrecked*
Tuesday, August 25 5:30 PM Parish Hall Endolyne Choir Ice Cream Social*
Tuesday, August 25 7:00 PM Community Room AA Into Action*
Wednesday, August 26 9:45 AM Library Building & Grounds Committee Meeting
Wednesday, August 26 11:00 AM Library Spiritual Practices Group
Wednesday, August 26 6:30 PM Zoom Evening Prayer
Thursday, August 27 7:00 PM Community Room AA 12x12*
Friday, August 28 6:00 PM Community Room AA Shipwrecked*
Saturday, August 29 7:45 AM Parish Hall, Community Room Al-Anon*
Sunday, August 30 8:30 AM Nave Spoken Holy Eucharist
Sunday, August 30 10:30 AM Nave Holy Eucharist with Music

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