



THE HOLY EUCHARIST

with CONFIRMATION, RECEPTION,
and REAFFIRMATION of BAPTISMAL VOWS
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST: Proper 20

September 20, 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 GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

Variations on *Lobe den Herren*

Charles Callahan (1951-2023)

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

Hymn 390

Praise to the Lord

TUNE: *Lobe den Herren*

Descant

4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
2 Praise to the Lord; o - ver all things he glo - rious - ly
3 Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy way and de -
4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

dore him! All that hath life and breath come now with

a - tion; O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
reign - eth: borne as on ea - gle - wings, safe - ly his
fend thee; sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall
dore him! All that hath life and breath come now with

prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his
 health and sal - va - tion: join the great throng, psal - ter - y,
 saints he sus - tain - eth. Hast thou not seen how all thou
 ev - er at - tend thee; pon - der a - new what the Al -
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.
 or - gan, and song, sound - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion.
 need - est hath been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?
 might - y can do, who with his love doth be - friend thee.
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.

Words: Joachim Neander (1650-1680); tr. *Hymnal 1940*, alt.; desc. Craig Sellar Lang (1891-1971)
 Music: *Lobe den Herren*, melody from *Erneueren Gesangbuch*, 1665; harm. *The Chorale Book for England*, 1863.

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Opening Acclamation

Bishop Blessed be God: most holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity.

People **And blessed be God's reign, now and for ever. Amen.**

Bishop There is one Body and one Spirit;

People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Bishop One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People **One God and Father of all.**

The Collect of the Day

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 20

Bishop God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Bishop Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly;
 and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast
 to those that shall endure; 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

Jonah 3:10 – 4:11

When God saw what the people of Nineveh did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the LORD and said, "O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." And the LORD said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

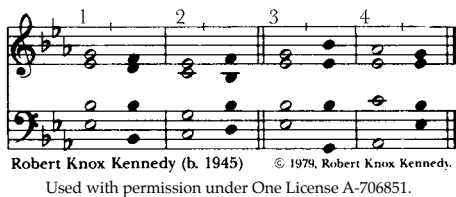
The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live."

But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." Then the LORD said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Response



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

Psalm 145: 1–8 • Exaltabo te, Deus

- 1 ¹ I will exalt you, O God my / King, *
 ² and bless your Name for ever and / ever.
- 2 ³ Every day will I bless / you *
 ⁴ and praise your Name for ever and / ever.
- 3 ¹ **Great is the LORD and greatly to be / praised; ***
 ² **there is no end to his / greatness.**
- 4 ³ **One generation shall praise your works to an- / other ***
 ⁴ **and shall declare your / power.**
- 5 ¹ I will ponder the glorious splendor of your / majesty *
 ² and all your marvelous / works.
- 6 ³ They shall speak of the might of your wondrous / acts, *
 ⁴ and I will tell of your / greatness.
- 7 ¹ **They shall publish the remembrance of your great / goodness; ***
 ² **they shall sing of your righteous / deeds.**
- 8 ³ **The LORD is gracious and full of com- / passion, ***
 ⁴ **slow to anger and of great / kindness.**

Second Reading

Philippians 1:21–30

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing.

For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well— since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation



Based on a Simplified Anglican Chant, Robert Knox Kennedy (b. 1945), arr. Thomas Aláan, used by permission.

“So the last will be first,
and the first will be last.”

— Matthew 20:16

All repeat Alleluias.

Holy Gospel

Standing as able.

Matthew 20:1–16

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

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

Jesus said, “The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage.

Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

Deacon The Gospel of our Savior.

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

You may be seated.

The Sermon

The Right Reverend Philip N. LaBelle, D.Min.

There will be a moment for quiet personal reflection.

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

Bishop The Candidate(s) will now be presented.

Presenters I present these persons for Confirmation.

or I present these persons to be received into this Communion.

or I present these persons who desire to reaffirm their baptismal vows.

Bishop Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Candidate I do.

Bishop Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

Candidate I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

After all have been presented, the Bishop addresses the congregation, saying

Bishop Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People **We will.**

The Baptismal Covenant

Bishop Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

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

People **I do.**

Bishop Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Bishop Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Bishop Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Bishop Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

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

Bishop Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

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

Bishop Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

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

Bishop Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

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

Bishop Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

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

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

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

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

Prayers for the Candidates

Bishop Let us now pray for *these persons* who *have* renewed *their* commitment to Christ.

Intercessor Deliver *them*, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Open *their hearts* to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Fill *them* with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Keep *them* in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Teach *them* to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Send *them* into the world in witness to your love.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Bring *them* to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Bishop Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in *these* your servants the covenant you have made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

For Confirmation

The Bishop lays hands upon each one.

Bishop Strengthen, O Lord, your servant *N.* with your Holy Spirit; empower *him* for your service; and sustain *him* all the days of *his* life. **Amen.**

or Defend, O Lord, your servant *N.* with your heavenly grace, that *he* may continue yours for ever, and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more, until *he* comes to your everlasting kingdom. **Amen.**

For Reception

Bishop *N.*, we recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you. **Amen.**

For Reaffirmation

Bishop *N.*, may the Holy Spirit, who has begun a good work in you, direct and uphold you in the service of Christ and his kingdom. **Amen.**

And concludes with this prayer.

Bishop Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be over *these* your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

Bishop 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

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

— *Ephesians 5:2*

Offertory Anthem

Let all mortal flesh keep silence

TUNE: *Picardy*, arr. Donald Busarow (b. 1934)

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 2 from *Enriching Our Worship 1*

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.

Bishop We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

Sanctus S127

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow - er and might, — hea - ven and earth are full of your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high -
est. Blest is the one who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. —

Setting: Calvin Hampton (1938-1984)

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Please remain standing.

Bishop Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with [_____ and] all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

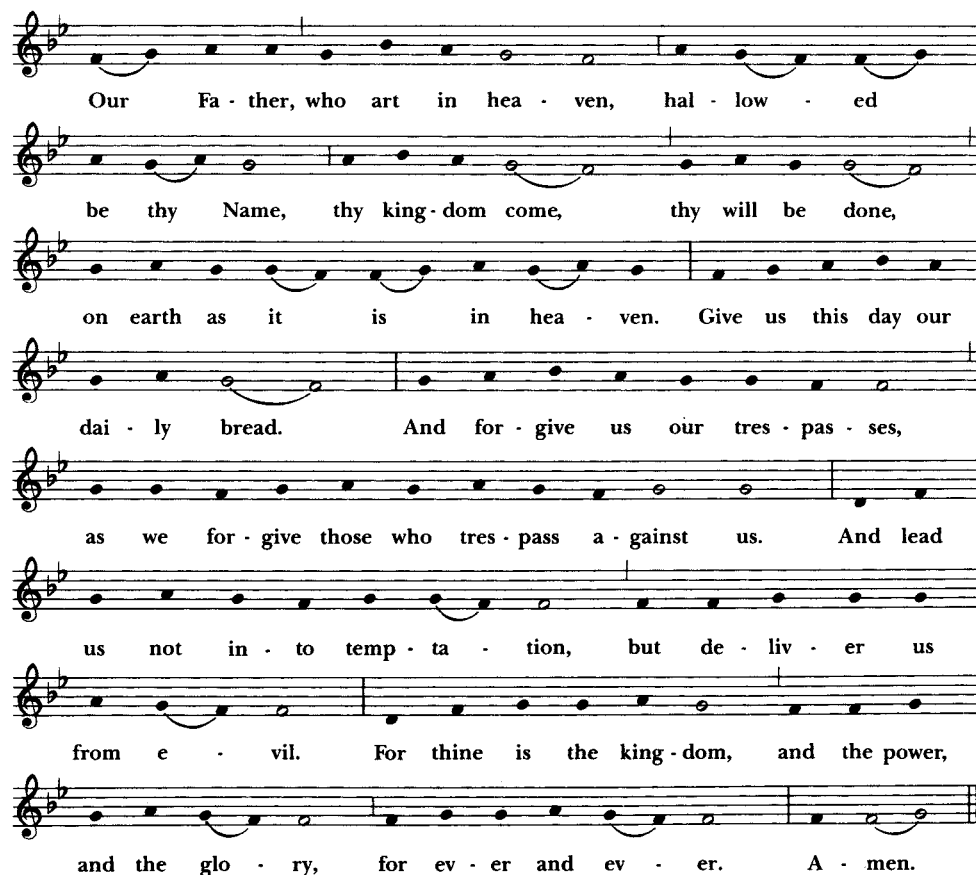


Setting: McNeil Robinson II (b. 1943)

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The Lord's Prayer

Bishop 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 875 from the supplemental hymnal *Wonder, Love, and Praise*.

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of ten staves. The first staff is for the Cantor, and the second and third are for the Congregation. The fourth and fifth are for the Cantor, and the sixth and seventh are for the Congregation. The eighth and ninth are for the Cantor, and the tenth is for the Congregation. The lyrics are: Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread. Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread. The bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia, is the com - mun - ion of the bod - y of Christ. Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread. One bod - y are we, al - le - lu - ia, for though man - y we share one bread. Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

Setting: Gary James (b. 1957) © 1992 MorningStar Music Publishers

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The Invitation to Communion

Bishop 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 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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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.

Bishop Let us pray.

People **God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

The Blessing

Bishop Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

People **The maker of heaven and earth.**

Bishop Blessed be the Name of the Lord.

People **From this time forth for evermore.**

Bishop The blessing, mercy, and grace of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Hymn

O God, beyond all praising.

TUNE: *Thaxted*

Hymn 797 from the hymnal *With One Voice*.

1 O God be-yond all prais-ing we wor-ship you to - day;
2 Then hear, O gra-cious Sav - ior, ac - cept the love we bring,
and sing the love a - maz-ing that songs can-not re - pay;
that we who know your fa - vor may serve you as our king;
for we can on - ly won - der at ev - 'ry gift you send,
and wheth - er our to - mor - rows be fill'd with good or ill,
at bless-ings with - out num - ber and mer-cies with - out end:
we'll tri - umph through our sor - rows and rise to bless you still:
we lift our hearts be - fore you and wait up - on your Word,
to mar - vel at your beau - ty and glo - ry in your ways,
we hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might - y Lord.
and make a joy - ful du - ty, our sac - ri - fice of praise.

Words: Michael Perry (b. 1942)

Music: *Thaxted* (based on *Jupiter* from *The Planets*), Gustav Holst (1874-1934)

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Dismissal

Deacon

or Priest Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Solemn Postlude on *Thaxted*

Douglas E. Wagner (b. 1952)

Serving in Worship Today

Acolytes: Mary Johnson, Grayson Sandoval;

Altar Guild: Carolyn Koehler;

Bishop's Chaplain: Jeana Frazier;

Closer: Mary Kay Jones;

Coffee Hour: The Vestry;

Eucharistic Minister/Intercessor: Adrienne Haycock;

Flowers: Kristin Alfonzo;

Livestream: Walter Johnstone;

Music: Dr. Thomas Aláan, Dr. Thomas Dickey, SJB Choir;

Preaching/Presiding: The Rt. Rev. Phil LaBelle;

Deacon: The Venerable Barb Weza;

Assisting: The Rev. Cn. Elise B. Johnstone, The Rev. Vince Booth;

Readers: Andrew Campbell, Robbie Ralkowski;

Ushers: Ron Thompson, Kathy Lund;

Verger: Lilith Lysistrata.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today at St. John the Baptist

8:30 a.m. Spoken Holy Eucharist in the Church

9:30 a.m. Choir Practice in the Choir Room

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

11:45 a.m. Special Coffee Hour with Our Bishop in the Parish Hall

2:30 p.m. West Seattle Indivisible 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 or contact the Parish Office. Hosts serve in teams. Experienced hosts are happy to show newcomers the ropes. Thank you!

Adult Formation Begins September 27

Our first topic will be *Keeping Your Daily Devotions Fresh*, a video series by The Rev. Peter Wallace with discussion. We'll meet at 9:35 a.m. in the Library

Children's Chapel Resumes September 27

Activity bags and worksheets are in the children's welcome area next to the ushers' table in the narthex.

Walking through the Bible Starts September 27

We will pick up our study of the Book of Exodus at 12 p.m. in the Vesting Room— all are welcome. Please contact Cn. Elise if you would like to join and need a study guide. elise@SJBWestSeattle.org

Cn. Elise Reflection, Renewal, and Reengagement, September 27, 3 p.m.

Please sign up in the Narthex and join the conversation at 3 p.m. in the Library

Youth Group Resumes September 27

Next Sunday 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall

Bibles for Healthcare Facility in West Seattle

A local healthcare facility is asking for donations of soft bound (paperback) copies of the Bible (with both the New and Old Testament, so the Gideon editions often do not have both), for their patients who find comfort in reading the Bible. If you have copies at home that you could donate, please bring them to the SJB Office or place them on the blue table in the Narthex. Thank you!

People Being Confirmed

Jordan Alfonzo

Mary Johnson

Grayson Sandoval

People Being Received

Mary Nicholls

Debbie Porter

Julie Scheid

Lynn Thompson

Reaffirming Baptismal Vows

Stephanie Dotson

Spiritual Practices in Small Groups

SJB continues our exploration of Spiritual Practices in Small Groups, on the second and fourth Wednesdays at 11 a.m. If you have any questions, please contact Cn. Elise. elise@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 time. Come join us on Zoom, Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

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

Pastoral Care Phone Number

SJB has a Pastoral Care Line: 206-471-9092. Cn. Elise 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

If there is a ministry you're interested in knowing more about or getting involved, you can also contact the office.

office@SJBWestSeattle.org

St. John the Baptist Vestry

Class of 2026

Kitt Gassman
John Hainze
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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If you wish to reach a staff person who does not have an email listed, please contact the office.

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What's going on at SJB this week

Sunday, September 20, 8:30 AM	Nave
Holy Baptism with Holy Eucharist	
Sunday, September 20, 9:35 AM	Library
Confirmants' Gathering with Bishop Phil	
Sunday, September 20, 10:30 AM	Nave
Confirmation, Reception, Reaffirmation with Holy Eucharist	
Sunday, September 20, 2:30 PM	Parish Hall
West Seattle Indivisible*	
Monday, September 21, 4:00 PM	Parish Hall
Endolyne Choir*	
Monday, September 21, 6:00 PM	Community Room
AA Shipwrecked*	
Tuesday, September 22, 4:00 PM	Parish Hall
Endolyne Choir*	
Tuesday, September 22, 7:00 PM	Community Room
AA Into Action*	
Wednesday, September 23, 9:45 AM	Library
Building and Grounds Committee Meeting	
Wednesday, September 23, 11:00 AM	Library
Spiritual Practices Group	
Wednesday, September 23, 6:30 PM	Zoom
Evening Prayer	
Thursday, September 24, 6:30 PM	Nave
Choir Practice	
Thursday, September 24, 7:00 PM	Community Room
AA 12x12*	
Friday, September 25, 6:00 PM	Community Room
AA Shipwrecked*	
Saturday, September 26, 7:45 AM	Parish Hall, Community Room
AI-Anon*	
Sunday, September 27, 8:30 AM	Nave
Spoken Holy Eucharist	
Sunday, September 27, 9:30 AM	Choir Room
Choir Practice	
Sunday, September 27, 10:30 AM	Nave
Holy Eucharist with Music	
Sunday, September 27, 12:00 PM	Vesting Room
Walking through the Bible	
Sunday, September 27, 3:00 PM	Library
The Rev. Cn. Elise on Reflection, Renewal, and Reengagement	
Sunday, September 27, 7:00 PM	Parish Hall
Youth Group	
*Indicates that a group is renting SJB for this use.	