



# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

## TWENTIETH SUNDAY after PENTECOST:

### Proper 23

October 11, 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

*Triptych on the Shepherd Psalm*

arr. Gilbert M. Martin (b. 1941)

TUNES: #663, *Crimond*, Jesse Seymore Irvine (1836-1887)

#645, *St. Columba*, traditional Irish melody

#664, *Resignation*, from *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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

### Hymn 664

My Shepherd will supply my need

TUNE: *Resignation*

1 My Shep - herd will sup - ply my need, Je - ho - vah  
2 When I walk through the shades of death, thy pres - ence  
3 The sure pro - vi - sions of my God at - tend me

is his Name; \_\_\_\_\_ in pas - tures fresh he  
is my stay; \_\_\_\_\_ one word of thy sup -  
all my days; \_\_\_\_\_ oh, may thy house be

makes me feed be - side the liv - ing stream. \_\_\_\_\_  
port - ing breath drives all my fears a - way. \_\_\_\_\_  
mine a - bode and all my work be praise. \_\_\_\_\_

He brings my wan - dering spi - rit back when I for -  
Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my  
There would I find a set - tled rest, while o - thers

sake his ways, \_\_\_\_\_ and leads me, for his  
ta - ble spread; \_\_\_\_\_ my cup with bless - ings  
go and come; \_\_\_\_\_ no more a stran - ger

mer - cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace. \_\_\_\_\_  
o - ver - flows, thy oil a - noints my head. \_\_\_\_\_  
or a guest, but like a child at home. \_\_\_\_\_

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748); para. of Psalm 23  
Music: *Resignation*, American folk melody

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## Opening Acclamation

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

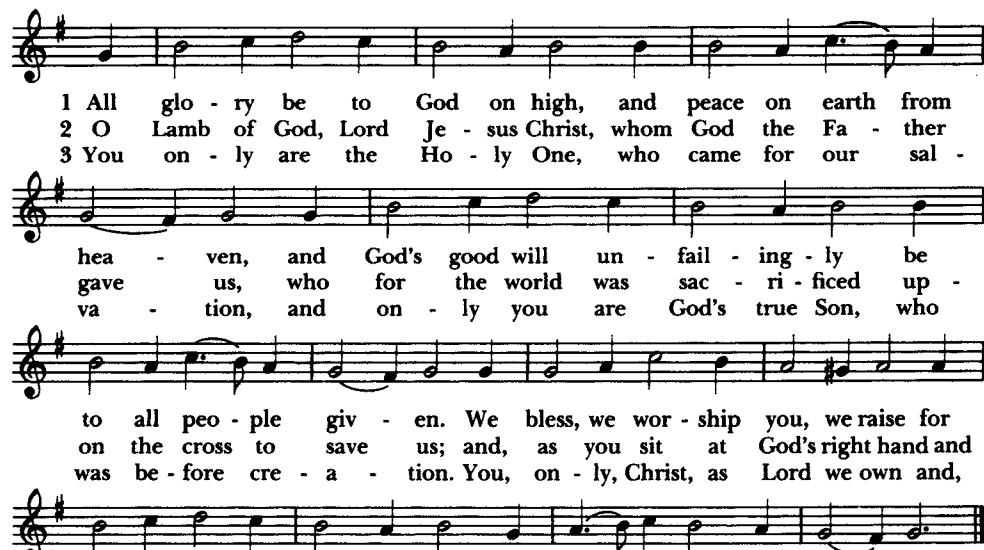
*People* And blessed be God's reign, now and for ever. Amen.

*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 Hymn 421

All glory be to God on high

TUNE: *Allein Gott in der Höh*



1 All glo - ry be to God on high, and peace on earth from  
2 O Lamb of God, Lord Je - sus Christ, whom God the Fa - ther  
3 You on - ly are the Ho - ly One, who came for our sal -  
hea - ven, and God's good will un - fail - ing - ly be  
gave us, who for the world was sac - ri - ficed up -  
va - tion, and on - ly you are God's true Son, who  
to all peo - ple giv - en. We bless, we wor - ship you, we raise for  
on the cross to save us; and, as you sit at God's right hand and  
was be - fore cre - a - tion. You, on - ly, Christ, as Lord we own and,  
your great glo - ry thanks and praise, O God, Al-might - y Fa - ther.  
we for judg-ment there must stand, have mer - cy, Lord, up - on us.  
with the Spi - rit, you a - lone share in the Fa - ther's glo - ry.

Words: Nikolaus Decius (1490?-1541); tr. F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984), rev.; para. of *Gloria in excelsis*  
Music: *Allein Gott in der Höh*, melody att. Nikolaus Decius (1490?-1541);

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## The Collect of the Day

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 23

*Presider* God be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Presider* Let us pray.

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## Sending of Children to Children's Chapel

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

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

*You may be seated.*

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## First Reading

Isaiah 25:1–9

O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt. Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled.

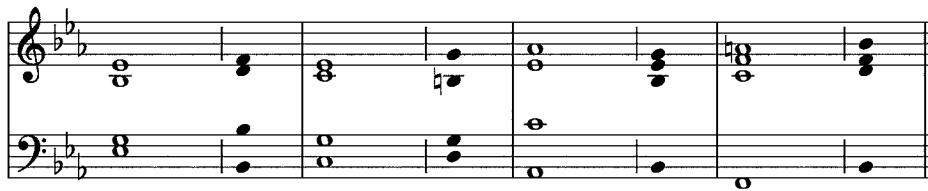
On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever.

Then the LORD God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

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

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

## Response



SJB Psalm Tone 9, Thomas Aláan

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

### **Psalm 23 • Dominus regit me**

- 1 <sup>1</sup>The LORD is my / shepherd; \*  
    <sup>2</sup>I shall not be in / want.
- 2 <sup>3</sup>He makes me lie down in green / pastures \*  
    <sup>4</sup>and leads me beside still / waters.
- 3 <sup>1</sup>**He revives my / soul \***  
    <sup>2</sup>**and guides me along right pathways for His Name's / sake.**
- 4 <sup>3</sup>**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no /evil; \***  
    <sup>4</sup>**for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they / comfort me.**
- 5 <sup>1</sup>You spread a table before me in the presence of those who / trouble me; \*  
    <sup>4</sup>you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running / over.
- 6 <sup>1</sup>**Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my / life, \***  
    <sup>4</sup>**and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for / ever.**

## Second Reading

### **Philippians 4:1–9**

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

*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.

“The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy.

Go therefore into the main streets,

and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.”

— Matthew 22:8–9

*All repeat Alleluias.*

## Holy Gospel

*Standing as able.*

### Matthew 22:1–14

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

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

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

*Presider* The Gospel of our Savior.

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

*You may be seated.*

## The Sermon

**The Reverend Canon Elise B. Johnstone, D. Min.**

*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 Vince our priests; for all lay and ordained ministers; and for all who seek you in  
the community of the faithful. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Anglican  
Church of Burundi. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Community of the  
Paraclete, Little Sisters of St. Clare, and The Third Order Society of St. Francis. 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* **God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. 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.



## Serving in Worship Today

**Acolyte:** Grayson Sandoval; **Altar Guild:** Wilma Hansen;  
**Children's Chapel:** Jennifer Broadstone; **Closer:** Lauren Cox; **Coffee Hour:** Mary Nicholls, Kitt Gassman; **Eucharistic Minister/Intercessor:** Jeana Frazier;  
**Flowers:** Sandy Hanson; **Livestream:** Walter Johnstone;  
**Music:** Dr. Thomas Aláan, Dr. Thomas Dickey, Magen Kimball, SJB Choir;  
**Preaching:** The Rev. Cn. Elise B. Johnstone; **Presiding:** The Rev. Vince Booth;  
**Readers:** Lynn Ogdon-Perrine, Kitt Gassman; **Ushers:** David Perrine, John Hainze;  
**Verger:** Lilith Lysistrata.

## 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 Anthem

*The Lord is my shepherd*

John Rutter (b. 1945)

Paraphrase of Psalm 23.

### 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*

*Presider* God be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

*People* We lift them to the Lord.

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* It is right to give God thanks and praise.

*Presider* 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.*

*Presider* 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.

A - men. A - men. A - men.

Setting: McNeil Robinson II (b. 1943)

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

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of ten staves. The first staff is labeled 'Cantor' and contains the lyrics 'Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the'. The second staff is labeled 'Congregation' and contains 'break - ing of the bread. Be known to us, Lord'. The third staff is labeled 'Cantor' and contains 'Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread. The'. The fourth staff contains 'bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia, is the com -'. The fifth staff is labeled 'Congregation' and contains 'mun - ion of the bod - y of Christ. Be'. The sixth staff contains 'known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the'. The seventh staff is labeled 'Cantor' and contains 'bread. One bod - y are we, al - le - lu - ia, for though'. The eighth staff is labeled 'Congregation' and contains 'man - y we share one bread. Be known to us, Lord'. The ninth staff contains 'Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.' and ends with a double bar line.

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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 ministrations, 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

### As we gather at your Table

TUNE: *Raquel*

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



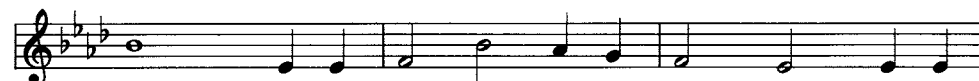
1. As we gath - er at your
2. Turn our wor - ship in - to
3. Gra - cious Spi - rit, help us



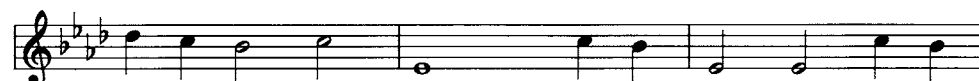
Ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your Word, help us  
wit - ness in the sac - ra - ment of life; send us  
sum - mon oth - er guests to share that Feast where tri -



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



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



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



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

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## Prayer for Those Worshipping at Home During the Time of Communion

*Those worshipping at home are invited to pray.*

*People* O Christ, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

— from *Saint Augustine's Prayer Book*, Forward Movement, 2014

## Postcommunion Prayer

*Please stand as you are able.*

*Presider* Let us pray.

*People* 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

*Presider* May God give you grace not to sell yourselves short,  
Grace to risk something big for something good,  
Grace to remember that the world is now too dangerous for anything but truth,  
and too small for anything but love.  
May God take your minds and think through them.  
May God take your lips and speak through them.  
May God take your hands and work through them.  
May God take your hearts and set them on fire.

— William Sloane Coffin

And the blessing of God: most holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity  
be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

## Hymn 551

Rise up, ye saints of God!

TUNE: *Festal Song*

1 Rise up, ye saints of God! Have done with less - er things, give  
2 Rise up, ye saints of God! His king - dom tar - ries long: Lord,  
3 Lift high the cross of Christ! Tread where his feet have trod; and  
heart and soul and mind and strength to serve the King of kings.  
bring the day of truth and love and end the night of wrong.  
quick-ened by the Spi - rit's power, rise up, ye saints of God!

Words: William Pierson Merrill (1867-1954), alt.  
Music: *Festal Song*, William H. Walter (1825-1893)

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## Dismissal

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

*People* Thanks be to God.

## Postlude

*Voluntary No. 6 in B-flat Major*

Maurice Green (1696-1755)

# 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
- 9:35 a.m. **Adult Formation** in the Library
- 10:30 a.m. **Children's Chapel** in the Large Godly Play Room
- 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
- 3:00 p.m. **Walking Through the Bible** in the Community Room

## Walking Through the Bible Today

Join us on the second and fourth Sundays of the month for *Walking Through the Bible*. You do not have to have a deep knowledge of the Bible to join in these explorations. We are currently discussing the book of Exodus, and we will discern together which book we will explore next. Meet in the Community Room at noon. Questions? Please contact Cn. Elise.  
[elise@sjbwestseattle.org](mailto:elise@sjbwestseattle.org)

## 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. Hosts serve in teams. Experienced hosts are happy to show newcomers the ropes. If you are interested, sign up on the yellow sheet in the Parish Hall or contact the Parish Office. Thank you!

## New Adult Formation Series Begins October 25

A recap of the Gospel of Matthew starts October 25 and continues November 1, 8, and 22.

## Spiritual Practices in Small Groups

Join us on the second and fourth Wednesdays at 11 a.m. in the Library. If you have any questions, please contact Cn. Elise. [elise@SJBWestSeattle.org](mailto: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 and 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>

## WIN Chili Cookoff October 16

Do you feel drawn to cooking a big crockpot of chili to represent SJB at the Third Annual Chili Cook-Off on October 16? Or do you know someone who might be? It would be fabulous to have two pots of SJB chili being served to guests at this fun fundraiser! We'd also like to offer cornbread, large veggie plates, and desserts. If you'd like to help, call Sharon Parker, 206-859-7083.

## The Lord's Lunch October 17

The Lord's Lunch is a monthly community service event led by Dan Johnson, where members of SJB make and pack sack lunches to distribute to unhoused and at-risk populations around West Seattle. Our next gathering is Saturday, October 17, 10:30 a.m., in the Parish Hall. Please use the Signup Genius link to volunteer to provide food or assist with assembly.

<https://bit.ly/3G3WORN>

## Food Bank Fundraiser at First Lutheran October 17

Join First Lutheran Church of West Seattle for a fun evening of West Seattle trivia, food, prizes, and fellowship. 100% of the proceeds benefit the West Seattle Food Bank. The event starts at 5 p.m. and tickets cost \$10 each. More information:

<https://bit.ly/cupofblessings26>

## Next Youth Group October 18

Students in grades 6-12 are invited to join youth leaders Jackson and Margaret every first and third Sunday evening, from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall, for food, games, and conversation.

## Diocesan Convention October 23-24

Along with Cn. Elise and Rev. Vince, six members of the SJB community will represent our church at Diocesan Convention, which is being held in SeaTac this year. Convention will not be live-streamed, but a recording will be available after the event.

## Messiah Solo Auditions October 25

It's time to prepare for the second annual Sing-Along Messiah, happening November 20 at 7 p.m. Auditions for solo parts will be held on Sunday, October 25, 2-5 p.m. in the Nave. To sign up for a solo audition, or for more information, please contact Director of Music Thomas Aláan. [thomas@SJBWestSeattle.org](mailto:thomas@SJBWestSeattle.org)

## Trick-or-Treat at SJB October 30

We're looking for a few people to pass out candy under a tent at SJB on Friday, October 30, 3:15-4:45 p.m. and 4:45-6 p.m. as part of the annual Admiral Neighborhood Association Trick-or-Treat. If you'd like to sign up for a shift, call the Parish Office at 206-937-4545 or email [office@SJBWestSeattle.org](mailto:office@SJBWestSeattle.org). Free candy included!

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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>

### St. John the Baptist Staff and Office Information

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David O. Ruberg, *bulletin guru*

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Joyce Gibb, *pianist*

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, October 11, 8:30 AM                          | Nave                        |
| <b>Spoken Holy Eucharist</b>                         |                             |
| Sunday, October 11, 9:30 AM                          | Choir Room                  |
| <b>Choir Practice</b>                                |                             |
| Sunday, October 11, 9:35 AM                          | Library                     |
| <b>Adult Formation</b>                               |                             |
| Sunday, October 11, 10:30 AM                         | Large Godly Play Room       |
| <b>Children's Chapel</b>                             |                             |
| Sunday, October 11, 10:30 AM                         | Nave                        |
| <b>Holy Eucharist with Music</b>                     |                             |
| Sunday, October 11, 12:00 PM                         | Community Room              |
| <b>Walking Through the Bible</b>                     |                             |
| Monday, October 12, 4:00 PM                          | Parish Hall, Community Room |
| <b>Endolyne Choir Rehearsal*</b>                     |                             |
| Monday, October 12, 6:00 PM                          | Community Room              |
| <b>AA Shipwrecked*</b>                               |                             |
| Tuesday, October 13, 4:00 PM                         | Parish Hall, Community Room |
| <b>Endolyne Choir Rehearsal*</b>                     |                             |
| Tuesday, October 13, 7:00 PM                         | Community Room              |
| <b>AA Into Action*</b>                               |                             |
| Wednesday, October 14, 11:00 AM                      | Library                     |
| <b>Spiritual Practices</b>                           |                             |
| Wednesday, October 14, 6:30 PM                       | Zoom                        |
| <b>Evening Prayer</b>                                |                             |
| Thursday, October 15, 6:30 PM                        | Nave                        |
| <b>Choir Practice</b>                                |                             |
| Thursday, October 15, 7:00 PM                        | Community Room              |
| <b>AA 12x12*</b>                                     |                             |
| Friday, October 16, 6:00 PM                          | Community Room              |
| <b>AA Shipwrecked*</b>                               |                             |
| Saturday, October 17, 7:45 AM                        | Parish Hall, Community Room |
| <b>AI-Anon*</b>                                      |                             |
| Saturday, October 17, 10:30 AM                       | Kitchen, Parish Hall        |
| <b>The Lord's Lunch</b>                              |                             |
| Sunday, October 18, 8:30 AM                          | Nave                        |
| <b>Spoken Holy Eucharist</b>                         |                             |
| Sunday, October 18, 9:30 AM                          | Choir Room                  |
| <b>Choir Practice</b>                                |                             |
| Sunday, October 18, 9:35 AM                          | Library                     |
| <b>Adult Formation</b>                               |                             |
| Sunday, October 18, 10:30 AM                         | Large Godly Play Room       |
| <b>Children's Chapel</b>                             |                             |
| Sunday, October 18, 10:30 AM                         | Nave                        |
| <b>Holy Eucharist with Music</b>                     |                             |
| Sunday, October 18, 2:00 PM                          | Parish Hall                 |
| <b>West Seattle Indivisible*</b>                     |                             |
| Sunday, October 18, 7:00 PM                          | Parish Hall                 |
| <b>Youth Group</b>                                   |                             |
| *Indicates that a group is renting SJB for this use. |                             |