Welcome to the Monastery Chapel.
We warmly invite you to participate fully in our worship.

Prelude
Improvisation
Robert Humphreville

Entrance Hymn
The eternal gifts of Christ the King

Opening Acclamation
Presider  Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People  And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect for Purity
Presider  Almighty God,
People  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.
Entrance Hymn  

Harken to the anthem glorious  

Hymnal 241

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Hymn of Praise

"Glory to God..."

A Community Mass by Richard Proulx

Glory to God in the highest, and

peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on
us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father:

receive our pray'r receive, receive our pray'r.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the

Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy

Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

Collect of the Day

Presider Almighty God, who called your servant John the Baptist to go before your Son our Lord both in life and death; Grant that we, who remember his witness, may with boldness speak your truth and in humility hear it when it is spoken to us, through Jesus Christ, the firstborn from the dead, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever.

People Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading 2 Chronicles 24:17–21

Now after the death of Jehoiada the officials of Judah came and did obeisance to the king; then the king listened to them. They abandoned the house of the LORD, the God of their ancestors, and served the sacred poles and the idols. And wrath came upon Judah and Jerusalem for this guilt of theirs. Yet he sent prophets among them to bring them back to the LORD; they testified against them, but they would not listen.

Then the spirit of God took possession of Zechariah son of the priest Jehoiada; he stood above the people and said to them, “Thus says God: Why do you transgress the commandments of the LORD, so that you cannot prosper? Because you have forsaken the LORD, he has also forsaken you.” But they conspired against him, and by command of the king they stoned him to death in the court of the house of the LORD.

Gradual Psalm Psalm 71:1–7

My tongue will proclaim your righteousness, O God.
And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets, who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death; they were sawn in two; they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains and in caves and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.
For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip’s wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, “It is not lawful for you to have your brother’s wife.” And Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed, and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests, and the king said to the girl, “Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it.” And he swore to her, “Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom.” She went out and said to her mother, “What should I ask for?” She replied, “The head of John the baptizer.” Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, “I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter.” The king was deeply grieved, yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John’s head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

Sermon

Prayers of the People
Confession and Absolution of Sin

**As announced**

*Presider* Most merciful God,

*People* 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 your Son 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.

*People* Amen.

The Peace

*We greet one another, sharing the peace of Christ*

We are now allowing the option of offering the peace using physical contact. If you choose to
do so please graciously observe the preference of those who prefer to offer the peace through
a prayerful gesture without contact.

The Collection of Gifts and Offerings

Your financial gifts support the Brothers’ life and ministry to those at our monastery in
Cambridge as well as to many others whom we reach with our publications, livestreaming
services, online offerings, and in our travels on mission.
The great forerunner of the morn

1 The great forerunner of the morn, the
2 With heavenly message Gabriel came, that
3 John, still unborn, yet gave a right his
4 His mighty deeds exalt his fame to
5 To God the Father, God the Son, and

1 herald of the Word, is born; and faithful hearts shall
2 John should be that herald’s name, and with prophet’s
3 witness to the coming light; and Christ, the Sun of
4 greater than a prophet’s name; of woman born shall
5 God the Spirit, Three in One, praise, honor, might, and

1 never fail with thanks and praise his light to hail.
2 utterance told his actions great and manifold.
3 all the earth, fulfilled that witness at his birth.
4 never be a greater prophet than was he.
5 glory be from age to age eternally.

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

Sanctus

A Community Mass by Richard Proulx

The Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,

now and for ever. Amen.

Hymnal S 148, alt.
Invitation

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

People Thanks be to God.

Ministration of Communion

We will now administer Holy Communion by both Bread and Wine. If you feel uncomfortable receiving the Wine, please remember that the Church catholic has always taught that the fullness of the Sacrament is received even when only one form is received. For public health reasons, Diocesan policy does not allow for Intinction (dipping the Bread into the Wine). Please refrain from this practice.
Closing Hymn  Saint John shone like a flaming torch

1. Saint John shone like a flaming torch, E-
    By birth he came before the Lord In-
    As Christ who came to save the world Did-
    Most loving Father, grant us grace Like-

2. van ge list of strange new light, Fore-
    whom both God and man are one; Ob-
    con quer through the cross of shame, So-
    John, on your straight way to keep, That-

3. runner of the reign of grace, And-
    e dient then he did baptize The-
    John the Baptist shed his blood And-
    nurtured in the living Christ E-

4. mes sen ger of truth and light.
    ve ry source of life, the Son.
    sealed the promise of his name.
    ter nal joys we too may reap.

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Music: Deo gratus, English ballad melody, Trinity College MS (15th cent.);  
Prayer after Communion

Presider Let us pray.
Eternal God,

People heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing and Dismissal

Postlude Improvisation Robert Humphreville
Announcements

Welcome
We are delighted to welcome you to the Monastery today, either in-person or online. If you are a visitor, or new to the Monastery or Community, please take a moment to introduce yourself to one of the Brothers following the Eucharist. If you are joining us online, drop us a note telling us where you are joining us from.

Sabbatical for Brother James
After his election as Superior in May for a third term, the community granted our brother, James several weeks of sabbatical. He departed on August 24 for the UK where he will spend some time in Oxford and London, exploring places associated with the history of SSJE. He’ll also be walking two sections of the Wales Coast Path from Chester, England to Porthmadog, Wales over a period of 5 weeks. Before returning to the Monastery on October 31 he’ll spend two weeks with his family in Toronto. Please keep Brother James in your prayers during this time, as well as Brother Keith who, as Deputy Superior, will be covering for him in his absence.

Student Monastic Residents 2022–23
Our cohort of student residents is moving in this week. Sam Bailey, Aidan Houston, Siana Monet, and Meghan Murphy will live alongside us for the academic year. We will formally receive them at Holy Eucharist on Sunday, September 4 when you will have a chance to meet them.

Student Tuesdays
Starting Tuesday, September 6, we will re-open our weekly Tuesday evening student group. We invite local students to join us each week for the Eucharist, supper, discussion, and Compline, in any combination. Information and registration can be found at ssje.org/students.

Program Retreats
Registration for program retreats begins September 1. You can view the offerings and make a request at www.ssje.org/programs. We look forward to offering these themed retreats again. Offerings for 2023 will be available in December.
Retreat Day
The community’s next retreat day is Wednesday, September 7. We will not pray Compline on Tuesday, September 6 or Morning Prayer and Compline on Wednesday, September 7. Our retreat day in October will be Wednesday, October 5.

Livestreaming
We livestream Evening Prayer and Compline throughout the week, as well as the Sunday and Tuesday Eucharists. If you cannot join us in person, please join us online.

Post Sunday Eucharist Refreshments
We are now offering refreshments after the Sunday Eucharist in the Guesthouse Garden. If you would like to volunteer to bring baked goods, a sign-up sheet in the narthex is available. See Brother Michael for more information if interested.

Gluten Free Wafers at Holy Communion
Please indicate to the Brother administering Holy Communion if that is your preference.

Monastery Guesthouse
Dates of availability for self-led retreats in the guesthouse from September 2022 through July 2023 are now available online. You can view them and make a request at www.ssje.org/reservation. We look forward to welcoming you for a time of quiet, prayer, and rest. We ask that all guests be fully vaccinated and boosted for Covid and willing to follow our most current health and safety protocols.

Saturday Evening Prayer
Evening Prayer (Evensong) is one of the glories of Anglicanism. The community sings Evening Prayer at 6:00 PM Wednesday through Saturday and at 4:00 PM on Sunday. Saturday Evening Prayer is especially beautiful. Now that the chapel is open again, why not make attending Evening Prayer on Saturday, or another evening during the week, part of your regular pattern.

For more information about the Society, stays in the Guest House, or to subscribe to Brother Give Us A Word, or our occasional news update, please check our website at www.SSJE.org
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**THE MONASTERY AS SANCTUARY**

*We want our Monastery to be a sanctuary for our guests and for the Brothers. Please silence your electronic devices. We also ask you not to photograph, video, or record services in the Chapel, or to photograph other guests or Brothers without their express permission.*