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Titus Destroying Jerusalem by Wilhelm von Kaulbach

Sunday Services 9 AM • Holy Eucharist, Rite II 11 AM • Morning Prayer, Rite I 11 AM • Holy Eucharist, Rite I (First Sundays each month)

Services are available online through Facebook Live: Facebook.com/StJohnSouthampton

Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost November 17, 2024 • Holy Eucharist, Rite II 9 AM

Prelude





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November 5, 2024

Dear Friends,

We hope this message finds you in good health and high spirits. At this time of transition, it is especially important for us to maintain the physical solidity of our church and the spiritual strength of our congregation and our wider community. Knowing that you support our St. John's mission and financial needs brings us joy.

As we approach the upcoming stewardship season, we invite you to reflect on your personal connection with St. John's and your pledge's impact on our church and its ministries. Stewardship is not merely about financial contributions; it encompasses the gifts of time, talent, and service that each of you brings to our community. Your pledge enables us to serve our congregation, support outreach programs, and maintain our facilities, ensuring that our church remains a welcoming place for all.

This past year, we received grants to replace the Rectory and Parish House cesspools. Ann Grimm, Barbara McEntee, and our contractor Pascual Amador used their expertise to refurbish the Rectory, which has had much wear and tear in the past 10 years. The major expense was interior painting and repair and replacing two appliances. Kat Doherty and Lisa Vahradian and their dedicated crew of worker bees organized every room in the Parish House, unearthing some beautiful relics.

However, we did have some unexpected expenses. The torrential rains early in the summer hastened our need to replace the Parish House roof due to several major leaks. This year, we are focusing on repairing the damage caused by the leaks. Together with our investment in the Rectory, your support will be instrumental in bringing these efforts to fruition.

In 1998, Rev. Peter Larsen wrote the following in his stewardship letter to the parish.

Gratitude and thanksgiving for life begin with the person who greets you in the mirror each morning. Stewardship is everything that you do to bring that inner voice to life. Why not believe that God has entrusted you with a great commission: to do his work in the world?

As you consider your pledge for the upcoming year with the enclosed pledge card, we encourage you to reflect on how you have been blessed and how you can continue to bless others through your generosity. Every contribution, no matter the size, is important and makes a difference in our collective mission. Thank you for your faithfulness and generosity. Together, let us continue to grow in faith and service, building a vibrant community that reflects God's love.

God Bless and thank you on behalf of your devoted Vestry,

Lisa Lisa Gillespie

Senior Warden

There are multiple ways to support St. John's:

- Donate online through the link on our webpage: 2025 Stewardship ٠
- Pledge card mailed

Please contact the office if you would like a pledge card but have not received it.,



Join our friends from Christ Church Sag Harbor every Thursday for a new Bible study series.

7 PM

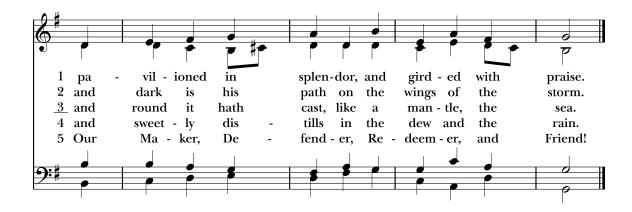
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- Grow your faith and engage in kingdom-building discussions.
- Address the challenges facing the Church today: declining membership, securing volunteers, and reaching the next generation.

THURSDAYS

- Find renewed hope and take action through scripture.
- · Materials can be accessed from the link in our e-newsletter.

Join us and be part of this transformative journey. Everyone is welcome, so invite friends and family!



Opening Acclamation

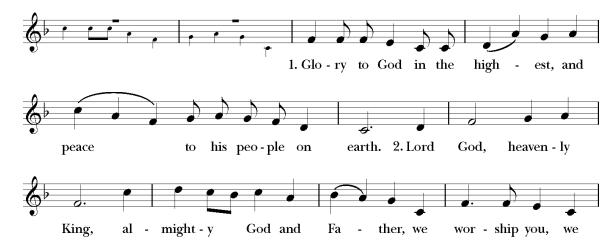
Celebrant	Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People	And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect of Purity

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.**

Hymn of Praise

Gloria in Excelsis







Your presence and service can make a meaningful difference in the lives of our parishioners and visitors alike.

Questions? Ready to sign up?

Please contact the following:

- Altar Guild: Ellen Greaves greaves631@yahoo.com
- Coffee Hour: Sign up sheet in the Parish Hall or Ursula - (631) 283-0549 or secretary@stjohnsouthampton.org
- Reading/Greeting/Ushering: Please contact Cn. Richard (631) 974-4987 or rvisconti10@gmail.com



LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITOR TRAINING SESSION



Saturday, December 7th at 10 AM MERCER SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY Instructor: The Rt. Rev. Lawrence C. Provenzano

REGISTRATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY NOVEMBER 21

This workshop will prepare those nominated by their clergy to act as Lay Eucharistic Visitors to those hospitalized, confined to rehabilitation and nursing institutions, and the homebound. With the support of their rector/ clergy-in-charge, those who participate in this workshop can then be licensed by the Bishop's Office as Lay Eucharistic Visitors.

Please speak with Cn. Richard directly if you're interested in serving. Due to the short notice and upcoming deadline of November 21, it is important to meet with him as soon as possible.

There is no fee for this event. Space is limited.

The Collect

OfficiantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.OfficiantLet us pray.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Daniel 12:1-3

A Reading from the prophet Daniel.

The Lord spoke to Daniel in a vision and said, "At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever."

The word of the Lord. *People* Thanks be to God.

Psalm 16

Conserva me, Domine

1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; * I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."

2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, * upon those who are noble among the people.

3 But those who run after other gods * shall have their troubles multiplied.

4 Their libations of blood I will not offer, * nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.

5 O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; * it is you who uphold my lot.

6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; * indeed, I have a goodly heritage.

7 I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; * my heart teaches me, night after night.

8 I have set the Lord always before me; * because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.

9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; * my body also shall rest in hope.

10 For you will not abandon me to the grave, * nor let your holy one see the Pit.

11 You will show me the path of life; * in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

Second Reading

Hebrews 10:11-14 (15-18) 19-25

A Reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Hebrews.

Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, "he sat down at the right hand of God," and since then has been waiting "until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet." For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. [And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying,

"This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord:

I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds,"

he also adds,

Help us to maintain our prayer intercession list.

The personal and collective intercessions we make asking our Lord to intercede in our lives and on behalf of others are a central aspect of our private and common worship. At St. John's we have always made an aural reading of our prayer list a part of our regular services. However, there comes with this an important responsibility to maintain it as current and accurate. To accomplish this we are asking our community to take that personal responsibility to heart in the following way:

We ask everyone to please let us know when someone should be added, removed, or otherwise amended on our prayer list. This is accomplished best by either dropping a note in the collection plate or by emailing or calling the parish secretary at (631) 283-0549 or secretary@stjohnsouthampton.org.

To avoid a name being orphaned on the prayer list names will be removed after 60 days of being added, unless the parish secretary is contacted to extend that time for another 60 days.

Of course, there is no limit to the number of persons we will faithfully include on our prayer list, nor a limit to the duration we will intercede on their behalf. This policy is to take special care in maintaining the names we bring before the Throne of Grace in prayer each time we gather together.

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Upcoming Holiday Service Schedule



Thanksgiving Day Morning Prayer	10 AM
Lessons and Carols	Dec. 22 • 11 AM
Children's Christmas Pageant at St. Andrew's	3 PM
Christmas Eve Holy Eucharist, Rite II at St. John's	7 PM
Christmas Day Holy Eucharist, Rite II at St. John's	10 AM

The Dismissal

CelebrantLet us bless the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

Postlude

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Pedications

The flowers at the Altar this week have been given in the Glory of God and in memorial of J. Couper Lord & Ruth Lord by Lisa & David Gillespie.

Announcements

KNITTING GROUP: Our group is creating a prayer shawl for our future priest. We will knit four -inch squares in the colors of the Episcopal flag and welcome all skill levels, with kits and guidance available. If you're new to knitting, join us on Wednesday afternoons from 2-4. We'd love to help!

BULLETINS: Worshipping remote? You can follow along our Sunday services by downloading our Bulletins from our website, stjohnsouthampton.org The Bulletins are uploaded every Saturday afternoon for your convenience.

WEEKLY E-NEWSLETTER: In order to keep our church family abreast of our latest updates and church reminders, we send out a weekly e-newsletter. If you would like to be included on our email list, contact secretary@stjohnsouthampton.org.

FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK: Stay connected with the church and your friends by following us on our Facebook page: StJohnSouthampton. You can also worship online LIVE on Sundays.

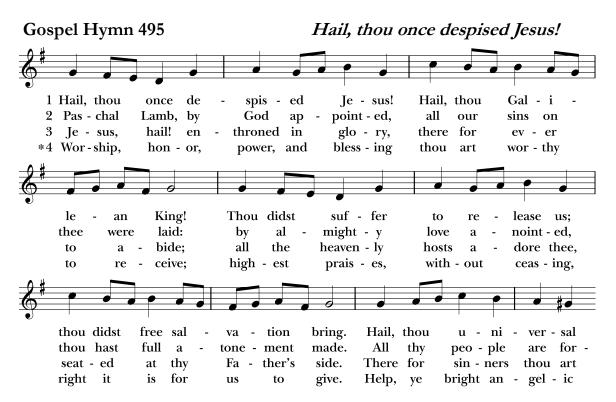
ONLINE GIVING: Links are available on St John's Homepage at www.stjohnsouthampton.org. You may also make an online gift by texting the keyword StJohnSouthampton to 73256 on your cell phone.

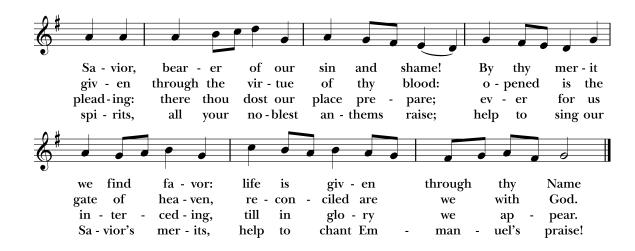
"I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more."

Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.]

Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

The Word of the Lord People Thanks be to God





The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Mark.PeopleGlory to you, Lord Christ.

The Gospel

Mark 13:1-8

As Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down."

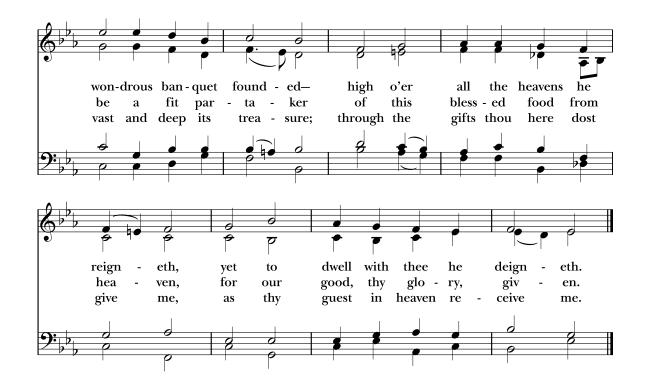
When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, "Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?" Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birthpangs."

OfficiantThe Gospel of the Lord.PeoplePraise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Cn. Richard Visconti





Postcommunion Prayer

Officiant and People

Eternal God, 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

Nicene Creed 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 was made man 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 and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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.

The Prayers of the People Form III The Leader and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church; **That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you; That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons, especially Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Sean, our Presiding Bishop; and Lawrence our diocesan bishop; **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world, especially Joseph, our President; Kathy, our Governor; and William, our Mayor; **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake; That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest; Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy; May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect. Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

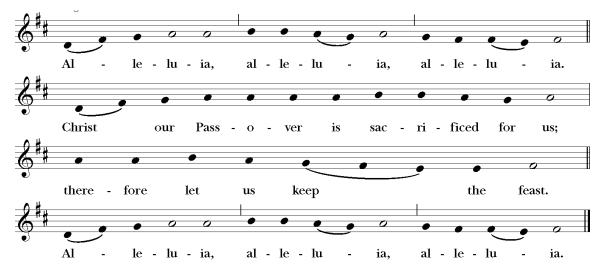
Minister and People Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,



who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant and People



The Invitation to Communion (BCP 364)

All Baptized Christians are welcome to receive the consecrated bread and/or wine. All are welcome to come up to receive a blessing.

The Priest invites the people to Communion

Priest

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

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.

Celebrant

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Officiant	The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
People	And also with you.

The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements

Offertory

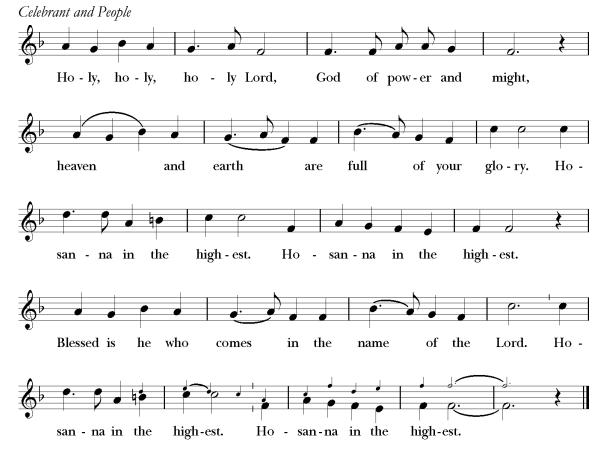
The Liturgy of the Table

The Great Thanksgiving

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Officiant	The Lord be with you.
People	And also with you.
Officiant	Lift up your hearts.
People	We lift them to the Lord.
Officiant	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People	It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



The People stand or kneel

Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may Faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN**.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those