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The Lord has done great
things for us, *
and we are glad indeed.

Psalm 126:4



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
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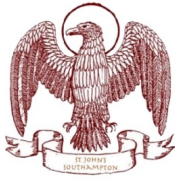
Thanksgiving Day
November 28, 2024 • Morning Prayer, Rite I • 10 AM

Officiant: O give thanks unto the Lord, and call upon his Name; tell the people what things he hath done. *Psalms 105:1*

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Officiant and People together, all kneeling
Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,
we have followed too much the devices and desires of our
own hearts,
we have offended against thy holy laws,
we have left undone those things which we ought to
have done,
and we have done those things which we ought not to
have done.
But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,
spare thou those who confess their faults,
restore thou those who are penitent,
according to thy promises declared unto mankind
in Christ Jesus our Lord;
and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

The Priest alone stands and says
The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**



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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

- To support St. John's:**
- **Donate online through the link on our webpage: 2024 Stewardship**
Return your pledge card
Please contact the office if you would like a pledge card but have not received it.



Opening sentence and invitatory

Officiant

O Lord, open thou our lips.

People

And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Officiant and People

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Officiant:

The earth is the Lord's for he made it:

People

O come, let us adore him.

Venite Psalm 95:1-7; 96:9, 13

O come, let us sing unto the Lord; *

let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, *

and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, *

and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are all the corners of the earth, *

and the strength of the hills is his also.

The sea is his and he made it, *

and his hands prepared the dry land.

O come, let us worship and fall down *

and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is the Lord our God, *

and we are the people of his pasture

and the sheep of his hand.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; *

let the whole earth stand in awe of him.

For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth, *

and with righteousness to judge the world

and the peoples with his truth.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:

as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Psalm 126

In convertendo

1 When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, *
then were we like those who dream.

2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, *
and our tongue with shouts of joy.

3 Then they said among the nations, *
“The Lord has done great things for them.”

4 The Lord has done great things for us, *
and we are glad indeed.

5 Restore our fortunes, O Lord, *
like the watercourses of the Negev.

6 Those who sowed with tears *
will reap with songs of joy.

7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, *
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The First Lesson

Joel 2:21-27

A Lesson from the prophet Joel.

Do not fear, O soil; be glad and rejoice, for the Lord has done great things! Do not fear, you animals of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness are green; the tree bears its fruit, the fig tree and vine give their full yield. O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the Lord your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. The threshing floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you. You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

Here endeth the Lesson

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

READERS – GREETERS
ALTAR GUILD – COFFEE HOUR HOSTS



St. John's is looking for dedicated parishioners to join us in our mission to to foster a welcoming and supportive community.

If you have the passion to share God's love through service, connect with others, and enrich our parish life, we invite you to volunteer as a greeter, reader, altar guild member, or coffee hour host.

**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
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Upcoming Holiday Service Schedule



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

Book Club Meeting

Thursday, December 12 at 6 PM

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Please message us or contact
Sandra J. Klemuk or Ellen Greaves
for more information.

Jubilate Deo Psalm 100
O be joyful in the Lord all ye lands; *
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.
Be ye sure that the Lord he is God;
it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves; *
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving
and into his courts with praise; *
be thankful unto him and speak good of his Name.
For the Lord is gracious;
his mercy is everlasting; *
and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The Second Lesson *1 Timothy 2:1-7*
A Lesson from the first letter of Saint Paul to Timothy.

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For

there is one God;
there is also one mediator between God and humankind,
Christ Jesus, himself human,
who gave himself a ransom for all

-- this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Here endeth the Lesson

Benedictus es, Domine

**Blessed art thou, O Lord God of our fathers; *
praised and exalted above all for ever.**

**Blessed art thou for the Name of thy Majesty; *
praised and exalted above all for ever.**

**Blessed art thou in the temple of thy holiness; *
praised and exalted above all for ever.**

**Blessed art thou that beholdest the depths,
and dwellest between the Cherubim; *
praised and exalted above all for ever.**

**Blessed art thou on the glorious throne of thy kingdom; *
praised and exalted above all for ever.**

**Blessed art thou in the firmament of heaven; *
praised and exalted above all for ever.**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Gospel

Matthew 6:25:33

A Lesson from the Gospel according to Saint Matthew.

Jesus said, “I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you-- you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”

Homily

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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.

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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.

The Officiant

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Ephesians 3:20,21

The Blessing

Officiant

Blessed, hallowed, worshiped, and adored be our Lord Jesus Christ on His throne in Heaven, on the altars of His churches, and in the hearts of His faithful people. And may the souls of the faithful departed through the mercies of God rest in peace.

Officiant and People

And may Light Perpetual shine upon them. Amen.

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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!

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY SERIES: Join us on Thursdays at 7 PM for our ongoing Bible Study series, led by The Reverend Dr. Cecily Broderick-Guerra. The sessions are held via ZOOM. You can find the details to join on our website. We look forward to coming together in faith and fellowship as we explore God's word. See you online!

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.

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant and People together, all standing

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers

The people stand or kneel

<i>Officiant</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And with thy spirit.
<i>Officiant</i>	Let us pray.

Officiant and People

**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 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.**

Suffrages A

V. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;
R. And grant us thy salvation.
V. Endue thy ministers with righteousness;
R. And make thy chosen people joyful.
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. For only in thee can we live in safety.
V. Lord, keep this nation under thy care;
R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
V. Let thy way be known upon earth;
R. Thy saving health among all nations.
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. And sustain us with thy Holy Spirit.

Intercessions

Offertory

Collect of the Day

Almighty and gracious Father, we give thee thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labors of those who harvest them. Make us, we beseech thee, faithful stewards of thy great bounty, for the provision of our necessities and the relief of all who are in need, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A Collect for Peace

O God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom: Defend us, thy humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for Guidance

O heavenly Father, in whom we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray thee so to guide and govern us by thy Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget thee, but may remember that we are ever walking in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Litany Thanksgiving

<i>Officiant:</i>	Let us give thanks to God our Father for all his gifts so freely bestowed upon us. For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea,
<i>People:</i>	We thank you, Lord.
<i>Officiant:</i>	For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women, revealing the image of Christ,
<i>People:</i>	We thank you, Lord.
<i>Officiant:</i>	For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends,
<i>People:</i>	We thank you, Lord.
<i>Officiant:</i>	For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve,
<i>People:</i>	We thank you, Lord.
<i>Officiant:</i>	For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play,
<i>People:</i>	We thank you, Lord.
<i>Officiant:</i>	For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity,
<i>People:</i>	We thank you, Lord.
<i>Officiant:</i>	For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice,
<i>People:</i>	We thank you, Lord.
<i>Officiant:</i>	For the communion of saints, in all times and places,
<i>People:</i>	We thank you, Lord.
<i>Officiant:</i>	Above all, we give you thanks for the great mercies and promises given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord; To him be praise and glory, with you, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.
<i>People and Officiant</i>	Amen.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Officiant: Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee, and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us bless the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.