

Sunday Services

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

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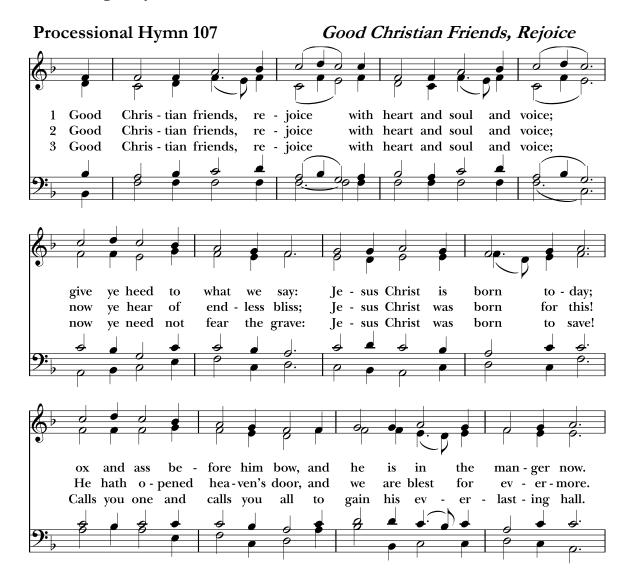
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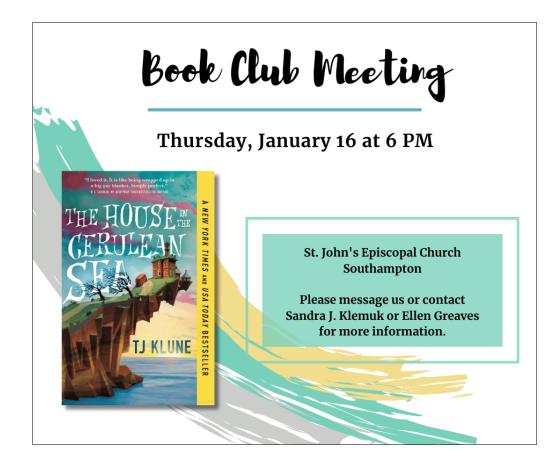
December 29, 2024 • Holy Eucharist, Rite II • 9 AM

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Welcome! May the peace of Christ fill your heart as you join us in worship today. We invite you to open your heart and mind to the Word of God.

Gathering Prayer





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2025 Stewardship Campaign

As we enter this season of reflection and renewal, we invite you to join us in considering the vital role of stewardship in sustaining our church and supporting its mission. This year, as we navigate a time of transition, your commitment is more crucial than ever to maintaining both the physical foundation of our church and the spiritual vibrancy of our congregation. Stewardship at St. John's goes beyond financial giving; it encompasses the time, talent, and service that each of you brings to our shared community. Your generosity supports essential repairs to our facilities, vital outreach programs, and the welcoming atmosphere that makes St. John's a sanctuary for all. We thank you for your continued support and invite you to read the attached letter from our Senior Warden, Lisa Gillespie, as you prayerfully consider your pledge for the coming year.

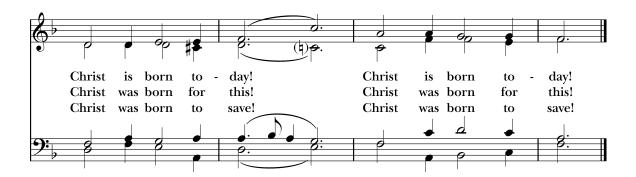
If you are able to support St. John's, please go to our 2025 Stewardship Drive webpage.



Questions? Ready to sign up?

Please contact the following:

- Altar Guild: Ellen Greaves at greavese631@yahoo.com
- Coffee Hour: Sign up sheet in the Parish Hall or Ursula at (631) 283-0549 or secretary@stjohnsouthampton.org
- **Reading/Greeting/Ushering:** Please contact Cn. Richard at (631) 974-4987 or rvisconti@stjohnsouthampton.org



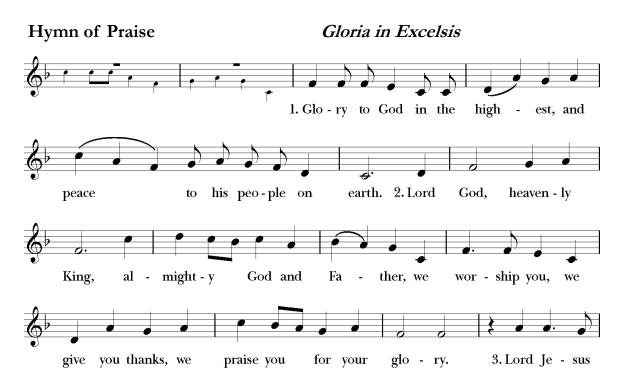
Opening Acclamation

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.**





The Collect

Officiant The Lord be with you. People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that

St. John's Episcopal Church Christmas Dedications

The Christmas Flowers at the Altar were given in the Glory of God and in Loving Memory Of

John L Griffin given by Carol Lee Griffin

The Loved Ones of the Lord & Gillespie Family given by Lisa & David Gillespie

The Loved Ones of the Rolston Family given by Florence Rolston

The Loved Ones of the Holme Family given by The Holme Family

Josephine & Warren Johnson and Linda & Barry Van Name given by Judy Johnson

Alex & Zellah Hawke, Hobart Gary, and Peter Larsen given by John McGuire

Colleen Frankenbach & William A. Frankenbach given by Lisa McWilliams

William F McCoy & Kyoko Sato given by The McCoy Family

Ladd Willis given by Cindy Willis

The Loved Ones of the Ficara & Ireton Families given by The Ficara & Ireton Family

James C. Ferrer given by Jeanne Ferrer

Ben Griffith, Fred & Ora Kelling, Rick Kelling, and Genevieve & Arthur Penny given by Pat Griffth

The Loved Ones of the Grimm & Rogers Families given by Ann Grimm given by Ann Grimm

Laine Maria Wayne & Dorothy Sheldon Gordon given by Gloria Meyers

Butch Fitch, Bill Greaves, and Greg Dimijian given by Ellen Greaves

Their Son, Sam Price, given by Robert & Susan Price

Mr. & Mrs. William Bunter given by Robert & Susan Price

Fred Kollhopp given by Pat Kollhopp

Richard & Nancy Butler, Laura Belle Shaffer, and George & Mildred Butler given by Lynn, Pearce & Gigi Butler

The Loved Ones of the Klemuk & Braun Families given by Sandra Klemuk

The Dismissal

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

People Thanks be to God.

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St. John's 2024 Outreach Recipients

In 2024, St. John's Outreach touched countless lives through the generosity of those who gave their time, prayers, and financial support. Your contributions made it possible to extend compassion and resources to individuals and communities in need, reflecting the true spirit of our mission. Below is a list of the recipients whose lives were impacted by your kindness and dedication.

ARF

SH Town Animal Rescue

Fighting Chance

K.I.N.D (Kids in Need of Desks)

3-Year school sponsorship for one child

Open Arms Care Center

Food Distribution Center in Riverhead

East End Hospice Bridgehampton Childcare Center

Heart of the Hamptons

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Island Gift of Life

Julie Kremborg Scholarship Fund

Paul Koster Memorial Fund

Tunnel 2 Towers

Time for Teens

Samaritan's Purse

World Central Kitchen

Swannanoa Valley Christian Ministry

Heifer International

this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

All are Seated

First Reading

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

A Reading from the book of Isaiah.

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God;

for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,

as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,

so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,

until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch.

The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory;

and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give.

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You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

The word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 147

Laudate Dominum

1 Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God! * how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!

2 The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem; * he gathers the exiles of Israel.

3 He heals the brokenhearted * and binds up their wounds.

4 He counts the number of the stars * and calls them all by their names.

5 Great is our Lord and mighty in power; * there is no limit to his wisdom.

6 The Lord lifts up the lowly, * but casts the wicked to the ground.

7 Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; * make music to our God upon the harp.

8 He covers the heavens with clouds * and prepares rain for the earth;

9 He makes grass to grow upon the mountains * and green plants to serve mankind.

10 He provides food for flocks and herds * and for the young ravens when they cry.

through Christ our Lord. Amen.

People Stand or Kneel

Christmastide Blessing

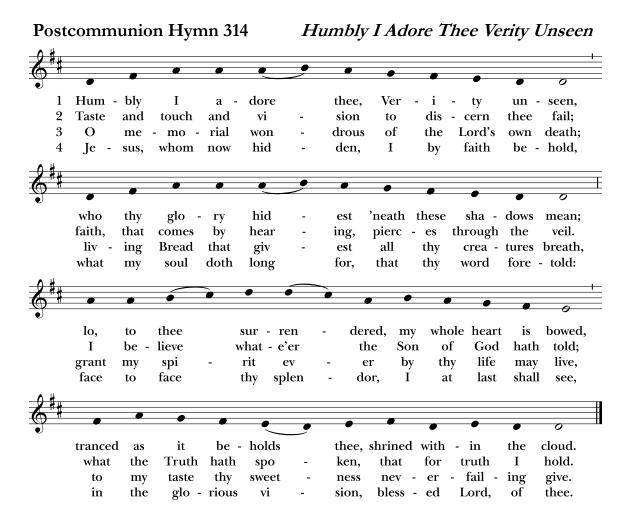
May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn 105

God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen

All Stand





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;

11 He is not impressed by the might of a horse; * he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;

12 But the Lord has pleasure in those who fear him, * in those who await his gracious favor.

13 Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem; * praise your God, O Zion;

14 For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; * he has blessed your children within you.

15 He has established peace on your borders; * he satisfies you with the finest wheat.

16 He sends out his command to the earth, * and his word runs very swiftly.

17 He gives snow like wool; * he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.

18 He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; * who can stand against his cold?

19 He sends forth his word and melts them; * he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.

20 He declares his word to Jacob, * his statutes and his judgments to Israel.

21 He has not done so to any other nation; * to them he has not revealed his judgments. Hallelujah!

Second Reading

Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

A Reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Galatians.

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian.

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

The Word of the Lord

People Thanks be to God

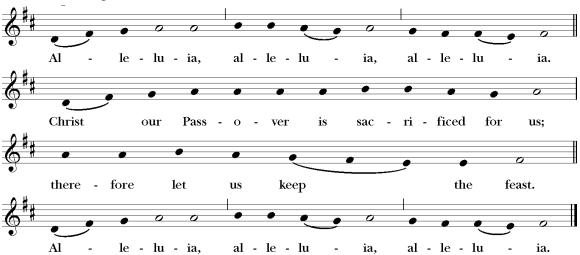
All Stand



For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant and People



Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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.

The Celebrant continues

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and

upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

Remember our Diocesan Bishop Lawrence and all who minister in your Church. Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth. Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, Saint John, Saint Andrew and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and 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 who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.



The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint John. *People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Gospel

John 1:1-18

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

Officiant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

All are seated

Sermon

The Rev. Cn. Richard Visconti

All Stand

The 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

disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you

called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it, and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People

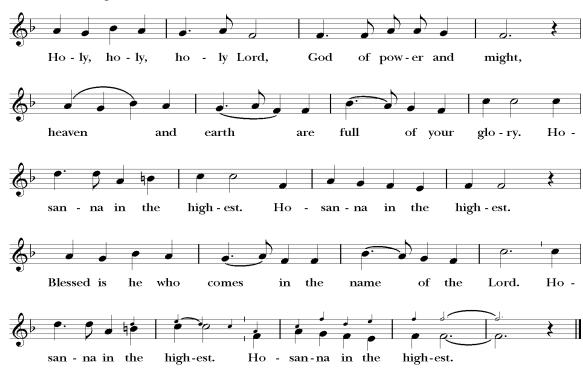
We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

Celebrant and People



The People Stand or Kneel

The Celebrant continues

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our

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

The Leader and People pray responsively

As we join the shepherds and celebrate with joy the birth of Jesus Christ, let us offer prayers to God, who shines the light of Christ on all creation.

Intercessor:

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Celebrant:

By the birth of Jesus Christ in the womb of the Virgin Mary.

People: Glory and praise to you. O living God.

For Lawrence our Diocesan Bishop and the presbyters, for the deacons and all who minister in Christ, and for all holy people of God.

People: Glory and praise to you. O living God.

For all believers who put their trust in the Incarnate Son of God.

People: Glory and praise to you. O living God.

For the leaders of the nations, especially our President, Joseph, our Governor, Kathy, and Mayor, William, and all in authority and for peace and justice.

People: Glory and praise to you. O living God.

For the giving of our blessed Lord and Savior Jesus Christ to the whole human race.

People: Glory and praise to you. O living God.

For travelers, for the sick and the suffering for the hungry and the oppressed, for those in prison, and for the dying and the dead.

People: Glory and praise to you. O living God.

For our deliverance from all affliction, strife, and need.

People: Glory and praise to you. O living God.

Intercessions

Remembering our most glorious and Blessed Mary, the Mother of Jesus, St. John, and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

People: To you, O Gracious God.

Celebrant: Source of light and gladness, accept the prayers we offer on this day. May

the Rising Sun of Christ spread across the world and brighten all humanity

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

All Kneel

Minister and People

Most merciful God,
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.

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

All Stand

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.

Offertory Sentence

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High. *Psalm 50:14*

Offertory

All Stand for Doxology

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Liturgy of the Table

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer D

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