



Sunday Services

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

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St. John's Episcopal Church

A Parish in Southampton, NY that makes a difference



First Sunday after Christmas
December 29, 2024 • Morning Prayer, Rite I • 11 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.*

Prelude

Gathering Prayer

Processional Hymn 107

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
 2 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
 3 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;

give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;
 now ye hear of end - less bliss; Je - sus Christ was born for this!
 now ye need not fear the grave: Je - sus Christ was born to save!

ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.
 He hath o - pened hea - ven's door, and we are blest for ev - er - more.
 Calls you one and calls you all to gain his ev - er - last - ing hall.

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.

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Questions? Ready to sign up?

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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

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

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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 Griffith

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

Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

All Stand

Opening Sentence and Invitatory

Officiant: Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them,
and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

Revelation 21:3

Confession of Sin

The Officiant says to the people

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.

Silence may be kept.

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.**

Invitatory and Psalter

All stand

Officiant O Lord, open thou our lips.
People **And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.**

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Officiant: Alleluia. Unto us a child is born:
People **O come, let us adore him. Alleluia.**

Psalm 95: Traditional

Venite, exultemus

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.

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

Refrain

O tid - ings of com - fort and joy, com-fort and
joy; O tid - ings of com - fort and joy!

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.

Postlude

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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.

Today if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts *
as in the provocation,
and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness;

When your fathers tempted me, *
proved me, and saw my works.

Forty years long was I grieved with this generation, and said, *
It is a people that do err in their hearts,
for they have not known my ways.
Unto whom I swear in my wrath, *
that they should not enter into my rest.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

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.

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?

in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,
be all honor and glory, world without end. 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.

Celebrant

Let us bless the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

The Officiant

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen. *2 Corinthians 13:14*

Recessional Hymn 105

God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen

All Stand



1 God rest you mer - ry, gen - tle - men, let noth - ing you dis - may;
2 From God our heaven - ly Fa - ther a bless - ed an - gel came
3 "Fear not, then," said the an - gel, "Let noth - ing you af - fright;
4 Now to the Lord sing prais - es, all you with - in this place,



re - mem - ber Christ our Sa - vior was born on Christ - mas Day,
and un - to cer - tain shep - herds brought tid - ings of the same:
this day is born a Sa - vior of a pure vir - gin bright,
and with true love and char - i - ty each o - ther now em - brace;



to save us all from Sa - tan's power when we were gone a - stray.
how that in Beth - le - hem was born the Son of God by name.
to free all those who trust in him from Sa - tan's power and might."
this ho - ly tide of Christ - mas doth bring re - deem - ing grace.

guard and an - gels sing; haste, haste to
bring him laud, the babe, the son of Ma - ry.

Intercessions

The General Thanksgiving

Officiant and People

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we thine unworthy servants
do give thee most humble and hearty thanks
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all men.

We bless thee for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for thine inestimable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ,
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we beseech thee,
give us that due sense of all thy mercies,
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;
and that we show forth thy praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to thy service,
and by walking before thee

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!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

All are Seated

The First Lesson

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

A Lesson 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.

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

Here endeth the Lesson

All Stand

The Third Song of Isaiah

Surge, illuminare

Isaiah 60:1-3, 11a, 14c, 18-19

Arise, shine, for your light has come, *
and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.
For behold, darkness covers the land; *
deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.
But over you the Lord will rise, *
and his glory will appear upon you.
Nations will stream to your light, *
and kings to the brightness of your dawning.
Your gates will always be open; *
by day or night they will never be shut.
They will call you, The City of the Lord, *
The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.
Violence will no more be heard in your land, *
ruin or destruction within your borders.
You will call your walls, Salvation, *
and all your portals, Praise.
The sun will no more be your light by day; *
by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.
The Lord will be your everlasting light, *
and your God will be your glory.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Offertory Hymn 115

What Child is This

All Stand

Unison or harmony

1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on
2 Why lies he in such mean es-tate where
3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, come,

Ma - ry's lap is sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with
ox and ass are feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear: for
peas - ant, king, to own him; the King of kings sal -

an - thems sweet, while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?
sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.
va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.

Refrain

This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds

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 B

V. O Lord, save thy people and bless thine heritage;
R. Govern them and lift them up for ever.
V. Day by day we magnify thee;
R. And we worship thy Name ever, world without end.
V. Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin;
R. O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.
V. O Lord, let thy mercy be upon us;
R. As our trust is in thee.
V. O Lord, in thee have I trusted;
R. Let me never be confounded.

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, who hast poured upon us the new light of thine incarnate Word: Grant that the same light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

A Collect for Sundays

O God, who makest us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of thy Son our Lord: Grant us this day such blessing through our worship of thee, that the days to come may be spent in thy favor; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Collect for Mission

Lord Jesus Christ, who didst stretch out thine arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of thy saving embrace: So clothe us in thy Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know thee to the knowledge and love of thee; for the honor of thy Name. Amen.

All are Seated

Announcements

Offertory Sentence

The Second Lesson

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

All are Seated

A Lesson 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.

Here endeth the Lesson

All Stand

Canticle 16 The Song of Zechariah *Benedictus Dominus Deus*

Luke 1: 68-79

**Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *
he has come to his people and set them free.**

**He has raised up for us a mighty savior, *
born of the house of his servant David.**

Through his holy prophets he promised of old,

**that he would save us from our enemies, *
from the hands of all who hate us.**

**He promised to show mercy to our fathers *
and to remember his holy covenant.**

**This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, *
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,**

**Free to worship him without fear, *
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.**

**You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,**

**To give his people knowledge of salvation *
by the forgiveness of their sins.**

**In the tender compassion of our God *
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,**

**To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

Gospel

John 1:1-18

A Lesson from the Gospel according to Saint John.

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.

The Word of the Lord.

Sermon

All are Seated

The Rev. Cn. Richard Visconti

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

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Officiant 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,**