

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



Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 16, 2025 • Morning Prayer, Rite I • 11 AM

100 South Main Street | Southampton, New York 11968 | (631) 283-0549

Welcome to St. John's!

If you're visiting us today, we warmly invite you to sign our guest register at the back of the church and share your contact information. This helps us stay connected and share updates about our ministries, events, and opportunities to grow in faith.

We're delighted you've joined us for worship. May the peace of Christ fill your heart and the Word of God inspire you during this time together.

Prelude

Gathering Prayer

Processional Hymn 546 *Awake, My Soul, Stretch Every Nerve*



1 A - wake, my soul, stretch ev - ery nerve, and press with vi - gor
2 A cloud of wit - ness - es a - round hold thee in full sur -
3 'Tis God's all - an - i - mat-ing voice that calls thee from on
4 Then wake, my soul, stretch ev - ery nerve, and press with vi - gor



on; a heaven - ly race de - mands thy zeal, and
vey; for - get the steps al - read - y trod and
high; 'tis his own hand pre - sents the prize to
on; a heaven - ly race de - mands thy zeal, and



an im - mor - tal crown, and an im - mor - tal crown.
on - ward urge thy way, and on - ward urge thy way.
thine as - pir - ing eye, to thine as - pir - ing eye.
an im - mor - tal crown, and an im - mor - tal crown.



Saint John's Episcopal Church

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January 16, 2025

Dear Friends:

The Altar Guild of St. John's Episcopal Church is planning the schedule of flowers and candles for the altar during the year (**Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 2025**). Traditionally, these have been given in memory of loved ones or in thanksgiving for the life of someone still living.

If you wish to participate in this ministry, please fill out the enclosed form(s) and return them to the Parish office. *Please make all checks payable to: St. John's Altar Guild.*

Please be aware, as has been customary, that **NO FLOWERS** will be in the Church during the season of Lent, **March 5 through April 6, 2025**. Please do not request flowers during this time. Candles may be requested for the months of March and April.

Palms will be on the altar on Palm Sunday, April 13, 2025. Easter flowers stay on the altar for two weeks (April 20 and April 27, 2025), and Christmas flowers stay on the altar from December 24th through January 4, 2026. No further requests are necessary for these dates as St. John's Episcopal Church provides specific envelopes found in the pews at St. John's beginning a few weeks prior to both Easter and Christmas.

If possible, the Altar Guild requests that you designate a particular month for your gift of flowers rather than a particular Sunday. This will allow flexibility and assure that memorial flowers are present each week.

Each Sunday's bulletin will note the designation of that morning's flowers, and candles will be acknowledged at the beginning of each month. Following the last service on Sunday you are welcome to pick up the flowers you donated.

On behalf of St. John's Episcopal Church and your Altar Guild, please accept our grateful thanks for your consideration and kind support.

Please note that the actual cost of flowers is \$75 per week, so please be generous in giving.

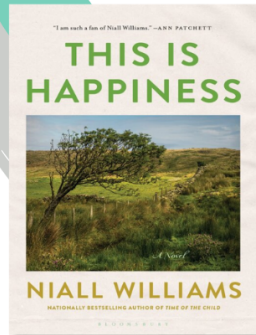
Yours truly,



Ellen Greaves
St. John's Altar Guild

Book Club Meeting

Thursday, February 20 at 6 PM



St. John's Episcopal Church
Southampton

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

Coffee Hour is our Happy Hour

Join us!
Sundays at 10 AM

Good brews.
Great conversations.

Even better company.
All are welcome!



All Stand

Opening Sentence and Invitatory

Officiant: I will give thee for a light to the Gentiles, that thou mayest be my salvation unto the end of the earth. *Isaiah 49:6b*

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 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 Lord hath manifested forth his glory:
People **O come, let us adore him.**

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

Venite, exultemus Domino

**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.**

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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**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!**

READERS - GREETERS
ALTAR GUILD - COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

St. John's is looking for dedicated parishioners to join us in our mission 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.

Please contact the following:

- **Altar Guild:** Ellen Greaves at greaves631@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



Our next outreach opportunity with Maureen's Haven will take place at the Bridgehampton Child Care Center on **Wednesday, February 26, at 5 PM.** We invite parishioners to join us in serving a meal and offering hospitality to those in our community. If you would like to help, please reach out to Florence Rolston or contact the parish office. Your support makes a meaningful difference!

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The North Sea Maritime Center
presents
"Shinnecock Kelp Farmers Helping
to Save the Bays"

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22
2 PM
ST JOHN'S CHURCH'S
UNDERCROFT

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 1

Beatus vir qui non abiit

1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, *
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

2 Their delight is in the law of the Lord, *
and they meditate on his law day and night.

3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *
everything they do shall prosper.

4 It is not so with the wicked; *
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, *
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

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.

All are Seated

The First Lesson

Jeremiah 17:5-10

A Lesson from the book of Jeremiah.

Thus says the Lord:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals
and make mere flesh their strength,
whose hearts turn away from the Lord.

They shall be like a shrub in the desert,
 and shall not see when relief comes.
 They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness,
 in an uninhabited salt land.
 Blessed are those who trust in the Lord,
 whose trust is the Lord.
 They shall be like a tree planted by water,
 sending out its roots by the stream.
 It shall not fear when heat comes,
 and its leaves shall stay green;
 in the year of drought it is not anxious,
 and it does not cease to bear fruit.
 The heart is devious above all else;
 it is perverse--
 who can understand it?
 I the Lord test the mind
 and search the heart,
 to give to all according to their ways,
 according to the fruit of their doings.

Here endeth the Lesson

All Stand

A Song of Praise

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.
 Blessed art thou, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; *
 praised and exalted above all for ever.**

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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Announcements

Thank you to everyone who attended our Annual Parish Meeting last Sunday. It was a wonderful opportunity to come together as a parish family, reflect on the past year, and review the work of our ministries and financial status. We also elected the slate of candidates for Vestry and Warden, ensuring strong leadership for the year ahead.

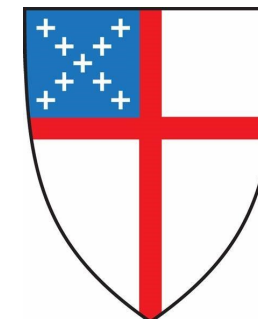
Your presence and participation was truly appreciated!

Elected Members of the Vestry

Jeanne Ferrer, Lisa Gillespie, Pat Griffith, Håkan Wohlin and Kathleen Doherty

Elected Warden

Lisa Vahradian



Recessional Hymn 376

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

All Stand

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,
 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,

hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
 stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
 well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way;
 Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, bloom - ing mea - dow, flash - ing sea,
 Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Bro - ther: all who live in love are thine;

giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
 chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, call us to re - joice in thee.
 teach us how to love each o - ther, lift us to the joy di - vine.

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 Corinthians 15:12-20

All are Seated

A Lesson from the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians.

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ--whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

Here endeth the Lesson

All Stand

Jubilate Deo Psalm 100

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.

Gospel Hymn 411

O Bless the Lord, My Soul

1 O bless the Lord, my soul! His grace to thee pro - claim!
2 O bless the Lord, my soul! His mer - cies bear in mind!
3 He will not al - ways chide; he will with pa - tience wait;
4 He par - dons all thy sins, pro - longs thy fee - ble breath;
5 He clothes thee with his love, up - holds thee with his truth;

1 And all that is with - in me join to bless his ho - ly Name!
2 For - get not all his ben - e - fits! The Lord to thee is kind.
3 his wrath is ev - er slow to rise and rea - dy to a - bate.
4 he heal - eth thine in - fir - mi - ties and ran - soms thee from death.
5 and like the ea - gle he re - news the vi - gor of thy youth.

6 Then bless his holy Name,
whose grace hath made thee whole,
whose loving-kindness crowns thy days:
O bless the Lord, my soul!

Gospel

Luke 6:17-26

A Lesson from the Gospel according to Saint Luke.

Jesus came down with the twelve apostles and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those

who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

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
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

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Offertory Hymn 371

Thou, Whose Almighty Word

1 Thou, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard,
 2 Thou who didst come to bring on thy re - deem - ing wing
 3 Spi - rit of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly Dove,
 4 Ho - ly and bless - ed Three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,

and took their flight; hear us, we hum - bly pray, and, where the
 heal - ing and sight, health to the sick in mind, sight to the
 speed forth thy flight! Move on the wa - ters' face bear - ing the
 wis - dom, love, might; bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in

Gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light!
 in - ly blind, now to all hu - man - kind, let there be light!
 gifts of grace, and, in earth's dark - est place, let there be light!
 full - est pride, through the world, far and wide, let there be light!

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.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,
 for yours is the kingdom of God.

“Blessed are you who are hungry now,
 for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now,
 for you will laugh.

“Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.”

“But woe to you who are rich,
 for you have received your consolation.

“Woe to you who are full now,
 for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now,
 for you will mourn and weep.

“Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.”

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,
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

Collect of the Day

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in thee: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because through the weakness of our mortal nature, we can do no good thing without thee, give us the help of thy grace, that in keeping thy commandments we may please thee both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and 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