



### 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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# St. John's Episcopal Church

A Parish in Southampton, NY that makes a difference



Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

February 23, 2025 • Morning Prayer, Rite I • 11 AM

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## 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 574 *Before Thy Throne, O God, We Kneel*

1 Be - fore thy throne, O God, we kneel: give us a con - science  
2 Search out our hearts and make us true; help us to give to  
3 For sins of heed - less word and deed, for pride am - bi - tious  
4 Let the fierce fires which burn and try, our in - most spi - rits

quick to feel, a rea - dy mind to un - der - stand the  
all their due. From love of plea - sure, lust of gold, from  
to suc - ceed, for craft - y trade and sub - tle snare to  
pu - ri - fy: con - sume the ill; purge out the shame; O

## 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](mailto:greaves631@yahoo.com)
- **Coffee Hour:** Sign up sheet in the Parish Hall or Ursula at (631) 283-0549 or [secretary@stjohnsouthampton.org](mailto:secretary@stjohnsouthampton.org)
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## Coffee Hour is our Happy Hour

Join us!  
Sundays at 10 AM

Good brews.  
Great conversations.

Even better company.  
All are welcome!





Lent is a sacred season of reflection, repentance, and renewal, inviting us to draw closer to God and Jesus through prayer, worship, and intentional practice. All are welcome to join us for the following opportunities to deepen our faith:

#### Ash Wednesday – March 5

- Holy Eucharist Rite II with Imposition of Ashes
- Services at Noon and 6 PM

#### Lenten Soup Suppers – Begin March 11 at 6 PM

- Evening Prayer in the Church
- Soup Supper in the Parish Hall (organized by Ellen Greaves)
- Reflections on the Lectionary Readings of Holy Week – 7 PM
  - Presented by Canon Richard
  - Exploring the Episcopal Church’s understanding of *The Way of Love* and practices for a Jesus-centered life

Join us in this season of spiritual growth as we commit to following Jesus more intentionally through learning, prayer, and worship.

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**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 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 Ursula at [secretary@stjohnsouthampton.org](mailto:secretary@stjohnsouthampton.org).

**FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK:** Stay connected with the church and your friends by following us on our Facebook page: [StJohnSouthampton](https://www.facebook.com/StJohnSouthampton). You can also worship online LIVE on Sundays.

**ONLINE GIVING:** Links are available on St John’s website or text “StJohnSouthampton” to 73256.

*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 prayerfully consider your pledge for the year.

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

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**The Altar Guild invites you to make your flower and candle dedications for 2025, at your earliest convenience, ensuring your loved ones are beautifully honored throughout the year. Early submissions allow for flexible planning and help maintain the grace of our services each week, though dedications are welcome at any time. We deeply appreciate your thoughtful support, and if you can, kindly consider selecting a month for your gift to assist with scheduling.**

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

**To schedule your dedications, contact Ursula in the church office.**



## Dedications

The candles at the Altar this month are given in the Glory of God and in honor of Frederick Rolston and in loving memory of Florence Van Nooten by Florence Rolston.

## Announcements



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!

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 37:1-12, 41-42

*Noli aemulari*

1 Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; \*  
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

2 For they shall soon wither like the grass, \*  
and like the green grass fade away.

3 Put your trust in the Lord and do good; \*  
dwell in the land and feed on its riches.

4 Take delight in the Lord, \*  
and he shall give you your heart's desire.

5 Commit your way to the Lord and put your trust in him, \*  
and he will bring it to pass.

6 He will make your righteousness as clear as the light \*  
and your just dealing as the noonday.

7 Be still before the Lord \*  
and wait patiently for him.

8 Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, \*  
the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

9 Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; \*  
do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.

10 For evildoers shall be cut off, \*  
but those who wait upon the Lord shall possess the land.

11 In a little while the wicked shall be no more; \*  
you shall search out their place, but they will not be there.

12 But the lowly shall possess the land; \*  
they will delight in abundance of peace.

41 But the deliverance of the righteous comes from the Lord; \*  
he is their stronghold in time of trouble.

42 The Lord will help them and rescue them; \*  
he will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them,  
because they seek refuge in him.

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

*Genesis 45:3-11, 15*

A Lesson from the book of Genesis.

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there--since there are five more years of famine to come--so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.'"

And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Here endeth the Lesson

1 cries of race and clan, a - bove the noise of  
2 thresh - olds dark with fears, from paths where hide the  
3 fresh - ness of thy grace; yet long these mul - ti -  
4 heal these hearts of pain; a - mong these rest - less  
5 where thy feet have trod; till glo - rious from thy

1 self - ish strife, we hear thy voice, O Son of Man.  
2 lures of greed, we catch the vi - sion of thy tears.  
3 tudes to see the true com - pas - sion of thy face.  
4 thongs a - bide, O tread the ci - ty's streets a - gain;  
5 heaven a - bove, shall come the ci - ty of our God.

*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.**

**Postlude**

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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.**

### Recessional Hymn 609

### *Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life*

*All Stand*

1 Where cross the crowd - ed ways of life, where sound the  
 2 In haunts of wretch - ed - ness and need, on sha - dowed  
 3 The cup of wa - ter given for thee still holds the  
 4 O Mas - ter, from the moun - tain side, make haste to  
 5 till all the world shall learn thy love, and fol - low

*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.

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 15:35-38,42-50*

*All are Seated*

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

Someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and

as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

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 come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
2 in, with - out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
3 thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
4 I be - lieve, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
5 thine a - lone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

6 Just as I am, of thy great love  
the breadth, length, depth, and height to prove,  
here for a season, then above:  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

*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 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,**

## 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 Hymn 693

### *Just As I Am, Without One Plea*

1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy  
2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y a  
\* 3 Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; sight, rich - es,  
4 Just as I am: thou wilt re - ceive; wilt wel - come,  
5 Just as I am, thy love un - known has bro - ken

1 blood was shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me  
2 con - flict, man - y a doubt; fight - ings and fears with -  
3 heal - ing of the mind, yea, all I need, in  
4 par - don, cleanse, re - lieve, be - cause thy prom - ise  
5 ev - ery bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea,

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 6:27-38*

A Lesson from the Gospel according to Saint Luke.

Jesus said, "I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

"If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

"Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

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 Lord, who hast taught us that all our doings without charity are nothing worth: Send thy Holy Ghost and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the very bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whosoever liveth is counted dead before thee. Grant this for thine only Son Jesus Christ's sake, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Holy Ghost, 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.**