

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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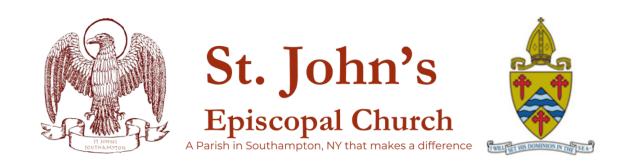
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First Sunday in Lent March 9, 2025 • Morning Prayer, Rite I • 11 AM

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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



The Vestry Forms New Committees

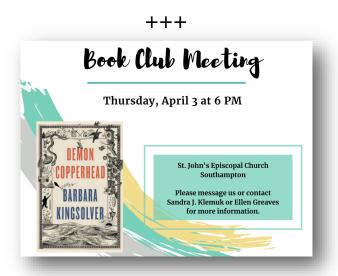
One of the strengths of a parish is its ability to engage a wide section of its membership in ministry that supports its overall mission. Several new committees have been formed to achieve that goal. Please read about them and see if Our Lord is calling you to embrace one of them. If you feel the Lord's call, please speak with Fr. Richard or one of the Wardens.

Buildings and Grounds Committee: This group is responsible for the upkeep, maintenance, and improvements of the church building and other property belonging to the church. This encompasses the church itself, the Parish Hall, the Undercroft, the Rectory, the Columbarium, and the church grounds. As with any old historic building, there are

constant things to work on. Being a part of this committee is a great way to get involved with our caring community.

Hospitality Committee: This is an organization dedicated to providing opportunities for the Church Family to draw together for a number of occasions of fun and fellowship. Dinners, brunches, and other parishioner gatherings, such as Art Shows and Lenten Soup Suppers, are just a few of the many possibilities to gather together. Of course, Coffee Hour, hosted by parishioners who volunteer each Sunday, is an integral part of the St. John's Family as we nourish and feed our spiritual and social needs after the 9:00 a.m. service in the Parish Hall. It is a time when we socialize with old friends as well as take the time to make new acquaintances. It is also the time when we welcome newcomers to our parish with warmth and extend a hand in friendship.

Historical Committee: Being a historic Christian faith community in Southampton gives us the opportunity to cherish and preserve what our ancestors entrusted to us. By preserving historic documents, photos, and other historical records, the committee will help keep St. John's present in the public eye. Special events and services could be scheduled to inform the surrounding community of the importance of St. John's Church and the relevance of its historical past. We need to keep our past alive and a living tribute to our ancestors who began this long history of worship at St. John's Church.





St. John's invites dedicated parishioners to join our mission of fostering a welcoming and supportive community. Heed the call of Our Lord to serve God's people through these vital ministries:

- Proclaim the Word as a Reader
- Extend Christ's welcome as a Greeter
- Prepare the Lord's table with the Altar Guild
- Nurture fellowship as a Coffee Hour Host

If you feel called to share God's love through service, connect with others, and enrich our parish life, we invite you to answer this sacred call. Your participation in these ministries is a testament to your faith and commitment to our community.

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

All Stand

Opening Sentence and Invitatory

Officiant

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us; but if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *I John 1:8, 9*

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

OfficiantO Lord, open thou our lips.PeopleAnd 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 is full of compassion and mercy:PeopleO 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.

For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth, * and with righteousness to judge the world and the peoples with his truth.



Lenten Soup Suppers - Starts March 11 at 6 PM

- Evening Prayer in the Church
- Soup Supper in the Parish Hall (organized by Ellen Greaves)
 - Parishioners are invited to bring a simple side dish, bread, or salad
- 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 through learning, prayer, and worship.

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Finding Life in the Midst of Death Reflecting on the Scriptures of Resurrection Thursdays in Lent: 7-8 PM, on Zoom

Christian faith is based on the promise of life in the midst of death, of hope in the midst of suffering, and of resurrection and new life both in the future and in the here and now. The Book of Common Prayer and Enriching Our Worship suggest wonderful scriptures for funeral services that fit these themes and the hope and promise of Easter. The goal of this class is to dig into these texts and apply their meaning to our own lives. The classes will be led by the clergy of the Peconic Deanery.

March 13 - Week One: Funeral recommendations From the Old Testament: March 20 - Week Two: Funeral recommendations from the New Testament: March 27 - Week Three: Funeral recommendations from the Gospels April 3 - Week Four: Funeral recommendations from Enriching our Worship April 10 - Week Five: The Easter Lessons, Resurrection Revealed

Zoom link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82253212322?pwd=KA60Pp39DqaNSBGPAXLxYqDkUZSUaY.1 Dear St. John's Family,

It is with great joy that the Vestry of St. John's announces the calling of Fr. Jeremy L. Carlson as the 8th rector in our 113-year history. Fr. Jeremy comes to us from St Mary's on the Highlands in Birmingham, Alabama where he is the associate rector. He will begin his ministry with us on May 1 and his first Sunday will be May 4. We are confident that Fr. Jeremy will lead us in exciting new directions, building upon our strong foundation of faith and love.

Fr. Jeremy will be joined in Southampton by his lovely wife Laura and his daughters Ann Wright and Alice as soon as the school year ends for the girls. See below for Fr. Jeremy's biography and photos of his family. Please join us in welcoming the Carlson family to St. John's. We look forward to getting to know them and embarking on this new chapter together.

With blessings, Lisa Gillespie & Bill McCoy Search Committee Co-Chairs



The Rev. Jeremy L. Carlson joins St. John's as its new rector from the Diocese of Alabama, where he has served as Assistant to the Rector at St. Mary's-on-the-Highlands Episcopal Church in Birmingham since his ordination in 2018. His ministry focuses on adult education, Christian formation, and family ministries, alongside service on the Diocesan Council and as Chaplain to the Jefferson County Sheriff's Rescue Dive Team.

Before ordination, Jeremy was a lawyer specializing in business litigation and a public-school teacher. He holds degrees from Sewanee, The University of the South, and The University of Alabama. Jeremy and his wife, Laura, are celebrating 25 years of marriage and have two daughters, Ann Wright and Alice. In his free time, he enjoys fly fishing, the outdoors, and playing the trombone. The Carlson family is excited to join St. John's and looks forward to serving the community.





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 91:1-2, 9-16

Qui habitat

1 He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, * abides under the shadow of the Almighty.

2 He shall say to the Lord, "You are my refuge and my stronghold, * my God in whom I put my trust."

9 Because you have made the Lord your refuge, * and the Most High your habitation,

10 There shall no evil happen to you, * neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.

11 For he shall give his angels charge over you, * to keep you in all your ways.

12 They shall bear you in their hands, * lest you dash your foot against a stone.

13 You shall tread upon the lion and adder; * you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under your feet.

14 Because he is bound to me in love, therefore will I deliver him; * I will protect him, because he knows my Name.

15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; * I am with him in trouble; I will rescue him and bring him to honor.

16 With long life will I satisfy him, * and show him my salvation.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;* As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. The First Lesson

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

A Lesson from the book of Deuteronomy.

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us." When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me." You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

Here endeth the Lesson

All Stand

Canticle 14 A Song of Penitence Kyrie Pantokrator

O Lord and Ruler of the hosts of heaven, * God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and of all their righteous offspring:
You made the heavens and the earth, * with all their vast array.
All things quake with fear at your presence; * they tremble because of your power.
But your merciful promise is beyond all measure; * it surpasses all that our minds can fathom.
O Lord, you are full of compassion, * long-suffering, and abounding in mercy. Officiant and People And may Light Perpetual shine upon them. Amen.

Postlude

+++ Announcements

We sincerely thank Tom White for stepping in as our organist and sharing his wonderful talent with us. We truly appreciate his time and dedication in filling in for Peter!

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2025 Stewardship Campaign

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 as you 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 Annual Parish Meeting Booklet of reports is available for those who were not at the meeting. You can pick up your copy on the right shelf in the back of the church.

Recessional Hymn 474

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross



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. You hold back your hand; * you do not punish as we deserve. In your great goodness, Lord, you have promised forgiveness to sinners, * that they may repent of their sin and be saved. And now, O Lord, I bend the knee of my heart, * and make my appeal, sure of your gracious goodness. I have sinned, O Lord, I have sinned, * and I know my wickedness only too well. Therefore I make this prayer to you: * Forgive me, Lord, forgive me. Do not let me perish in my sin, * nor condemn me to the depths of the earth. For you, O Lord, are the God of those who repent, * and in me you will show forth your goodness. Unworthy as I am, you will save me, in accordance with your great mercy, * and I will praise you without ceasing all the days of my life. For all the powers of heaven sing your praises, * and yours is the glory to ages of ages. Amen.

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

Romans 10:8b-13

All are Seated

A Lesson from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans.

"The word is near you,

on your lips and in your heart"

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Here endeth the Lesson

All Stand

A Song of Praise

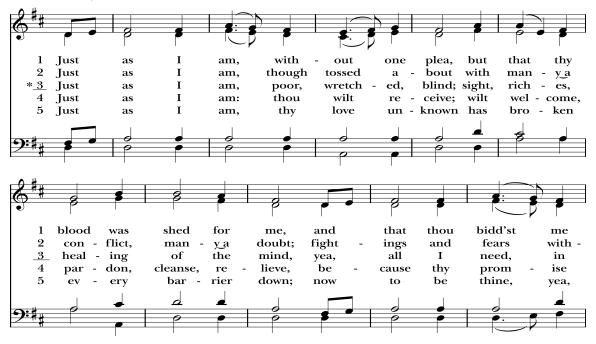
Benedictus es, Domine

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

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

Gospel Hymn 693

Just As I Am, Without One Plea



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

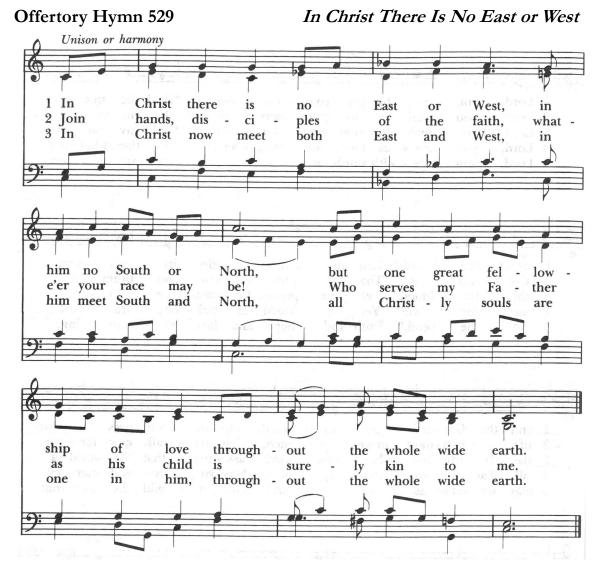


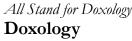
Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee, and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy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

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

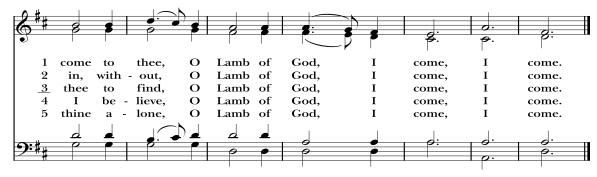
The Officiant

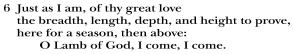
Glory to God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to Him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus forever and ever. **Amen.**





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.





Gospel

Luke 4:1-13

A Lesson from the Gospel according to Saint Luke.

After his baptism, Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.""

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written,

"Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.""

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,'

and

'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'''

Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test." When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

The Word of the Lord

Sermon

The Rev. Cn. Richard Visconti

All are Seated

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 kneelOfficiantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd with thy spirit.OfficiantLet 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 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.

Intercessions

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted of Satan: Make speed to help thy servants who are assaulted by manifold temptations; and, as thou knowest their several infirmities, let each one find thee mighty to save; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and 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