

# **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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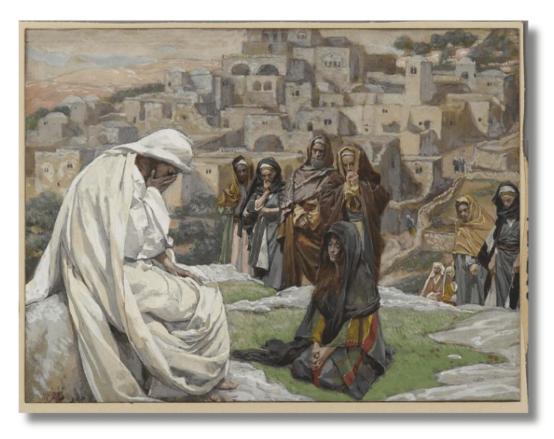
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# St. John's Episcopal Church A Parish in Southampton, NY that makes a difference





Second Sunday in Lent March 16, 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.

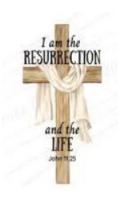
#### Prelude

# **Gathering Prayer**

# Processional Hymn 370 (vss. 1-4) I Bind Unto Myself Today







#### 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





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 .

#### 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
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With great joy, we announce that Fr. Jeremy L. Carlson has been called as the 8th rector of St. John's! He comes to us from St. Mary's-on-the-Highlands in Birmingham, Alabama, where he has served as associate rector since his ordination in 2018. Fr. Jeremy will begin his ministry on May 1, with his first Sunday service on May 4. He and his wife, Laura, along with their daughters, Ann Wright and Alice, are excited to join our community. Before ordination, Fr. Jeremy worked as both a lawyer and a teacher, bringing a wealth of experience and insight to his ministry.

We are also deeply grateful to Cn. Richard for his faithful leadership and dedication as our interim rector during this transition.



Tuesdays throughout Lent

6 PM - Evening Prayer in the Church 6:30 PM - Soup Supper in the Parish Hall (organized by Ellen Greaves)

Parishioners are invited to bring a simple side dish, bread, or salad

7 PM - Reflections on the Lectionary Readings of Holy Week by Cn. 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.



All Stand

# **Opening Sentence and Invitatory**

Officiant

Rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the Lord your God; for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil.

#### 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.

All Stand

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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# announcements



The last date this season for St. John's to serve our neighbors in need with Maureen's Haven is **Sunday, March 23rd, 5 PM**, at the Bridgehampton Child Care Center at 551 Sag Harbor Turnpike. If you would like to help serve, prepare next-day lunches, or donate a side dish, please contact Florence Rolston or call the parish office.

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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.

Celebrant People Let us bless the Lord.

#### Thanks be to God.

#### The Officiant

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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.** 

#### Recessional Hymn 495 Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus 1 Hail, thou Hail, thou Gal - i once de spis - ed Je - sus! 2 Pas - chal God all Lamb, by ap point - ed, our sins on 3 Je - sus, hail! en glo - ry, throned in there for ev - er \*4 Wor-ship, thou art hon - or, power, and bless - ing wor - thy King! Thou didst suf - fer lease us: an laid: by al might - y noint - ed, thee were the bide; all heaven - ly hosts dore thee, to a to re ceive: high - est prais - es, with - out ceas - ing, thou didst free sal va - tion bring. Hail, thou u - ni - ver - sal full made. All thy peo - ple thou hast are for tone - ment There for sin - ners seat - ed thy Fa - ther's side. thou art right it is for us to give. Help, ye bright an gel - ic of our shame! Sa - vior. bear - er sin and thv mer - it through the vir - tue of thy blood: is the giv - en o - pened plead-ing: there thou dost our place pre pare; ev - er for us spi - rits, all your no - blest an - thems raise; help sing our giv - en we find fa - vor: is through thy Name of hea - ven, re - con ciled are we with God. in - ter ced - ing. in glo - rv we pear.

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:

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.

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 27

Dominus illuminatio

1 The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? \* the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?

- 2 When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, \* it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and fell.
- 3 Though an army should encamp against me, \* yet my heart shall not be afraid;
- 4 And though war should rise up against me, \* yet will I put my trust in him.
- 5 One thing have I asked of the Lord; one thing I seek; \* that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life;
- 6 To behold the fair beauty of the Lord \* and to seek him in his temple.
- 7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; \* he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock.
- 8 Even now he lifts up my head \* above my enemies round about me.
- 9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness; \*
  I will sing and make music to the Lord.
- 10 Hearken to my voice, O Lord, when I call; \* have mercy on me and answer me.
- 11 You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." \* Your face, Lord, will I seek.
- 12 Hide not your face from me, \* nor turn away your servant in displeasure.
- 13 You have been my helper; cast me not away; \* do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.
- 14 Though my father and my mother forsake me, \* the Lord will sustain me.
- 15 Show me your way, O Lord; \* lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.

# Offertory

Oh, Danny Boy

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, 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**.

# 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

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from thy ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of thy Word, Jesus Christ thy Son; who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, 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**

16 Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries, \* for false witnesses have risen up against me, and also those who speak malice.

17 What if I had not believed that I should see the goodness of the Lord \* in the land of the living!

18 O tarry and await the Lord's pleasure; be strong, and he shall comfort your heart; \* wait patiently for the Lord.

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 15:1-12,17-18

A Lesson from the book of Genesis.

The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as right-eousness.

Then he said to him, "I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." But he said, "O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying,

"To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

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, \*

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.

You hold back your hand; \* you do not punish as we deserve.

In your great goodness, Lord,

with all their vast array.

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.

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.

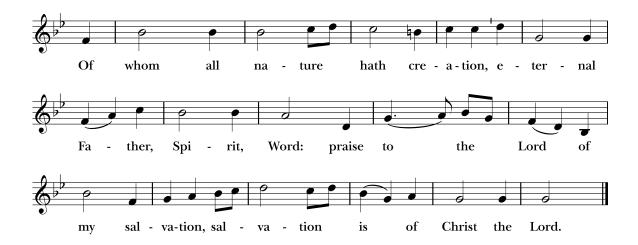
Officiant Let us pray.

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.

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# Gospel

Luke 13:31-35

A Lesson from the Gospel according to Saint Luke.

Some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord."

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;

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

Philippians 3:17-4:1

All are Seated

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

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

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.

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.



