

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



Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 30, 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 620

Jerusalem, My Happy Home

1 Je - ru - sa - lem, my hap - py home, when
2 Thy saints are crowned with glo - ry great; they
3 There Da - vid stands with harp in hand as
4 Our La - dy sings Mag - ni - fi - cat with
5 Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - ru - sa - lem, God

1 shall I come to thee? When shall my sor - rows
2 see God face to face; they tri - umph still, they
3 mas - ter of the choir: ten thou - sand times would
4 tune sur - pass - ing sweet, and bless - ed mar - tyr's
5 grant that I may see thine end - less joy, and



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:

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Book Club Meeting

Thursday, April 3 at 6 PM

St. John's Episcopal Church
Southampton

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

HOLY WEEK

APRIL 13 - APRIL 20

APRIL 13 PALM SUNDAY • 9 AM & 11 AM

Holy Eucharist and the Liturgy of the Palms

APRIL 17 MAUNDY THURSDAY • 7 PM

Holy Eucharist with Mandatum and Stripping of the Altar

APRIL 18 GOOD FRIDAY • NOON

Liturgy of Good Friday

APRIL 18 GOOD FRIDAY • 1 PM - 3 PM

Ecumenical Service with area Clergy

APRIL 19 HOLY SATURDAY • 5 PM

The Great Vigil of Easter at
Christ Episcopal Church in Sag Harbor

APRIL 20 EASTER SUNDAY • 6 AM

Sunrise Service at Cooper's Beach

APRIL 20 EASTER SUNDAY • 9 AM & 11 AM

Festal Holy Eucharist



1 have an end? Thy joys when shall I see?
2 still re-joice in that most hap- py place.
3 one be blest who might this mu- sic hear.
4 har- mo- ny doth ring in ev- ery street.
5 of the same par- ta- ker ev- er be!

All Stand

Opening Sentence and Invitatory

Officiant

To the Lord our God belong mercies and forgiveness, though we have rebelled against him; neither have we obeyed the voice of the Lord our God, to walk in his laws which he set before us."

Daniel 9:9,10

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 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.**



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.

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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.

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>

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



Help us adorn the church with beautiful Easter flowers in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving for life's blessings. Easter Flower donation envelopes are available in the pews and at the back of the church. Dedications, due Palm Sunday (April 13), will be included in the Easter Bulletin.

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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.**

**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 32

Beati quorum

**1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, *
and whose sin is put away!**

**2 Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, *
and in whose spirit there is no guile!**

**3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, *
because of my groaning all day long.**

**4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; *
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.**

**5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, *
and did not conceal my guilt.**

**6 I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." *
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.**

**7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; *
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.**

**8 You are my hiding-place;
you preserve me from trouble; *
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.**

**9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; *
I will guide you with my eye.**

10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; *
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,
or else they will not stay near you.”

11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked; *
but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.

12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; *
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

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

Joshua 5:9-12

A Lesson from the book of Joshua.

The Lord said to Joshua, “Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt.” And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

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.

Recessional Hymn 624


Jerusalem the Golden




1 Je - ru - sa - lem the gold - en, with milk and hon - ey blest,
2 They stand, those halls of Zi - on all ju - bi - lant with song,
3 There is the throne of Da - vid; and there, from care re - leased,
4 Oh, sweet and bless - ed coun - try, the home of God's e - lect!



be - neath thy con - tem - pla - tion sink heart and voice op - pressed:
and bright with man - yan an - gel, and all the mar - tyr throng:
the shout of them that tri - umph, the song of them that feast;
Oh, sweet and bless - ed coun - try that ea - ger hearts ex - pect!



I know not, oh, I know not, what joys a - wait us there;
the Prince is ev - er in them, the day - light is se - rene;
and they who with their Lead - er have con - quered in the fight,
Je - sus, in mer - cy bring us to that dear land of rest,



what ra - dian - cy of glo - ry, what bliss be - yond com - pare!
the pas - tures of the bless - ed are decked in glo - rious sheen.
for ev - er and for ev - er are clad in robes of white.
who art with God the Fa - ther, and Spi - rit, ev - er blest.

All Stand

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

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.**

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

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

All are Seated

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

From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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.

Gospel Hymn 690

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun-tain, whence the heal - ing
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

Offertory Hymn 383

Fairest Lord Jesus

1 Fair - est Lord Je - sus, Ru - ler of all na - ture, O thou of
2 Fair are the mea - dows, fair - er still the wood - lands, robed in the
3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair - er still the moon - light, and all the
God and man the Son; thee will I cher - ish,
bloom - ing garb of spring: Je - sus is fair - er,
twink - ling, star - ry host: Je - sus shines bright - er,

thee will I hon - or, thou, my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.
Je - sus is pur - er, who makes the woe - ful heart to sing.
Je - sus shines pur - er, than all the an - gels heaven can boast.

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.

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

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which giveth life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; 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

bar - ren land; I am weak, but thou art might - y;
stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar
fears sub - side; death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion,

hold me with thy power - ful hand; bread of hea - ven,
lead me all my jour - ney through; strong de - liv - erer,
land me safe on Ca - naan's side; songs of prais - es,

bread of hea - ven, feed me now and ev - er -
strong de - liv - erer, be thou still my strength and
songs of prais - es, I will ev - er give to

more, feed me now and ev - er - more.
shield, be thou still my strength and shield.
thee, I will ev - er give to thee.

Gospel

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

A Lesson from the Gospel according to Saint Luke.

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So Jesus told them this parable:

"There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe--the best one--and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

"Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

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 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.**