

### 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



*Resurrection of Jesus Christ by Raphael*

**Feast of the Resurrection - Easter Day**  
**April 20, 2025 • 9 AM & 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 207

### *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

*Descant*



1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
3 But the pains which he en-dured, Al - le - lu - ia!  
4 Sing we to our God a - bove Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!  
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!  
praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

**KNITTING GROUP:** Learn a new hobby and make friends. All are welcome, from those who can't knit to those who are proficient. Guidance is available. If you're new to knitting, join us on Wednesday afternoons from 2-4 PM. We'd love to help! Contact Georgette Chapek for more information.

**BULLETINS:** The weekly Bulletins, uploaded every Saturday, can be found on our website for your convenience.

**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. You can also worship online LIVE on Sundays.

**ONLINE GIVING:** Links are available on St John's website or text "StJohnSouthampton" to 73256.

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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!



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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](mailto:greavese631@yahoo.com)

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**Opening Acclamation**

*Celebrant*

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People*

**The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**



Hymn of Praise

Gloria in Excelsis

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most



# A Memorable Farewell

Let's celebrate and show our gratitude to

*Fr. Richard Visconti*

<b>04.26.25</b>	<b>BARBARA MCENTEE'S RESIDENCE</b> 43 Lee Avenue, Southampton
<b>5:30 PM - 7:30 PM</b>	<b>RSVP</b> Ursula at (631) 283-0549

Cocktails & light buffet will be served



# Easter Dedications

The Easter flowers at the Altar were given in the Glory of God and in loving memory of the following:

- The Loved Ones of the Gillespie, Lord, and Hartley Families given by Lisa & David Gillespie
- The Loved Ones of The Klemuk-Braun Family given by Sandra Klemuk
- Warren Hamer given by Lyn Hamer
- George Gould given by Darcy Gould
- The Loved Ones of the Holme Family given by the Holme Family
- The Loved Ones of the Rolston Family given by Florence Rolston
- The Loved Ones of the Dimijian, Fitch, and Greaves Families given by Ellen Greaves
- Ben Griffith, Diane Neal, Fred & Ora Kelling, Rick Kelling, and The Pennys given by Pat Griffith
- James C. Ferrer given by Jeanne F. Frerrer
- Josephine & Warren Johnson given by Judy Johnson
- The Family of Laurie Cameron Carson given by Laurie Cameron Carson
- Dwight L. Watkins given by Gloria M. Meyers
- Edward Ireton & Arthur Soderberg given by the Ireton & Ficara Families
- Fred Kollhopp by Patricia Kollhopp
- Jay Best, Georgette S. Chapek, and Rose & George Breakhurst given by Georgette Chapek



High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the  
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## The Collect

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## The Liturgy of the Word

### The First Reading

*Acts 10:34-43*

A Reading from the Book of Acts

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is .acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

The word of the Lord.

*People*                   **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24**

*Confitemini Domino*

**1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; \*  
his mercy endures for ever.**

**2 Let Israel now proclaim, \*  
“His mercy endures for ever.”**

**14 The Lord is my strength and my song, \*  
and he has become my salvation.**

**15 There is a sound of exultation and victory \*  
in the tents of the righteous:**

**16 “The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! \*  
the right hand of the Lord is exalted!  
the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!”**

**17 I shall not die, but live, \*  
and declare the works of the Lord.**

**18 The Lord has punished me sorely, \*  
but he did not hand me over to death.**

**19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; \*  
I will enter them;  
I will offer thanks to the Lord.**

**20 “This is the gate of the Lord; \*  
he who is righteous may enter.”**

**21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me \*  
and have become my salvation.**

**22 The same stone which the builders rejected \*  
has become the chief cornerstone.**

**23 This is the Lord's doing, \*  
and it is marvelous in our eyes.**

**24 On this day the Lord has acted; \*  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.**

**The Second Reading**

*1 Corinthians 15:19-26*

A reading from the First Letter of the Apostle Paul to the Corinthians.

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.



**The Dismissal**

*Celebrant:* Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia. alleluia.  
*People:* Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

**Postlude**

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**Supporting Outreach Through Plate Offerings**

As part of our ongoing commitment to serve those in need, all plate offerings collected through Holy Week will be directed toward Outreach initiatives at St. John’s. Your generous contributions will help extend compassion and care beyond our church walls, making a meaningful difference in the lives of others.

This year, the following organizations and programs will benefit from your gifts:

- World Central Kitchens (for California Wildfires)*
- North Sea Maritime Center for Tupper Boat House Restoration*
- Eleanor Whitmore Early Childhood Center*
- Hope And Resilience Of LI*
- Hampton Community Outreach*
- Village Improvement Association of Southampton*
- Share the Harvest*

# The Easter Blessing

People Stand or Kneel

At the end of each petition, the people respond: Amen.

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. Amen.

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. Amen.

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. Amen.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. Amen.

## Closing Hymn 180

### He Is Risen

1 He is ris-en, he is ris-en! Tell it out with  
2 Come, ye sad and fear-ful-heart-ed, with glad smile and  
\*3 Come, with high and ho-ly hymn-ing, hail our Lord's tri-  
4 He is ris-en, he is ris-en! He hath o-pened

joy-ful voice: he has burst his three days' pris-on;  
ra-diant brow! Death's long sha-dows have de-part-ed;  
um-phant day; not one dark-some cloud is dim-ming  
hea-ven's gate: we are free from sin's dark pris-on,

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

The Word of the Lord

People

Thanks be to God

## Gospel Hymn 208

### The Strife is o'er

Antiphon (at the beginning)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done, the vic - to -  
2 The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their  
\*3 The three sad days are quick - ly sped, he ris - es  
4 He closed the yawn - ing gates of hell, the bars from  
5 Lord! by the stripes which wound - ed thee, from death's dread

1 ry of life is won; the song of tri - umph  
2 le - gions hath dis - persed: let shout of ho - ly  
3 glo - rious from the dead: all glo - ry to our  
4 heaven's high por - tals fell; let hymns of praise his  
5 sting thy serv - ants free, that we may live and



1 has be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2 joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3 ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 4 tri - umphs tell! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 5 sing to thee. Al - le - lu - ia! [Ant.]

*Antiphon (at the end)*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*Ped.*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint John.

## The Gospel

*John 20:1-18*

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?”

with long - ing heart and soul, “Thy will be done.”  
 by draw - ing all to thee, O Prince of Peace;  
 one with thy saints in one un - bound - ed love;

O may we all one bread, one bo - dy be,  
 thus may we all one bread, one bo - dy be,  
 more bless - ed still, in peace and love to be

through this blest sac - ra - ment of u - ni - ty.  
 through this blest sac - ra - ment of u - ni - ty.  
 one with the Trin - i - ty in U - ni - ty.

## Postcommunion Prayer

*Celebrant*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**



**The Invitation to Communion (BCP 364)**

*All Baptized Christians are welcome to receive the consecrated bread and/or wine. All are welcome to come up to receive a blessing.*

*The Priest invites the people to Communion*

*Priest*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

**Postcommunion Hymn 315**      *Thou, who at thy first Eucharist didst pray*

*Unison or harmony*

1 Thou, who at thy first Eu - cha - rist didst pray  
2 For all thy Church, O Lord, we in - ter - cede;  
3 So, Lord, at length when sac - ra - ments shall cease,  
that all thy Church might be for ev - er one,  
make thou our sad di - vi - sions soon to cease;  
may we be one with all thy Church a - bove,  
grant us at ev - ery Eu - cha - rist to say  
draw us the near - er each to each, we plead,  
one with thy saints in one un - bro - ken peace,

She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, “Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

*Celebrant*      The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*      Praise to you, O Christ.

**The Sermon**      **The Rev. Cn. Richard Visconti**

**Nicene Creed**  
We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary  
and was made man  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

The Leader and People pray responsively

Celebrant

As members of Christ’s Risen Body, let us pray to the Lord:

Intercessor

For the Holy Church of God,  
That it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of  
your coming.

For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, for Lawrence, our own Diocesan Bishop, and for all the  
holy people of God,  
That in faithful witness we may preach the gospel to the ends of the earth.

For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith,  
That they may receive the light of the Gospel.

For the peace of the world,  
That a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples.

For a blessing on all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation,  
That the world may be free from poverty, famine, and disaster.

For those in position of public trust, Donald our President, Kathy our Governor, and Wil-  
liam our Mayor,  
That they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person.

For this congregation,  
That we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all  
that we do.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant and People

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -

way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -

on us. O Lamb of God, that

ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have

mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of

God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the

world, grant us thy peace.

*The Celebrant continues*

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

Remember our Bishops, Priests, Deacons, and all who minister in your Church.  
Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth.  
Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with St. John and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior  
Christ has taught us,  
we are bold to say,

*People and Celebrant*

**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.**

For our enemies and those who wish us harm; and for all whom we have injured or offended,

**That we may stand reconciled before you.**

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers including, Patricia Bliss, Ed Gregory, Dean Christiansen, Anne Boldrick, Annie Ruth, Alex, Fran, Tracey Stout, Tom, Eric Finland, Melinda, Meg Gage. Garret Fox, Sekia, John Gillespie, Karen King, Maryellen, Laura, Mary (Suzie) Wagner and Charles Northington.

*Silence*

For our families, friends and neighbors,  
**That we may live in joy, peace and health.**

For all who have died in the communion of your church,  
**That with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal.**

Rejoicing in the fellowship of Mary, the Mother of our Lord, Saint John and all the saints, we commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to you,  
**For you, O Christ, are the Way and the Truth and the Life.**

*Celebrant*

Grant we pray, Almighty God, that we who celebrate with awe the Paschal feast may be found worthy to attain to everlasting joys; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

## The Peace

*Celebrant* The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## The Liturgy of the Table

### Offertory

**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. Amen.**

### The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer D

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People* **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing

*Celebrant and People*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The people stand or kneel.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your Mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it, and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

*Celebrant and People*

**We praise you, we bless you,  
we give thanks to you,  
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**