

**Sunday Services**

10 AM • Holy Eucharist, Rite II  
with Children's Sunday School

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Monday- Thursday | 10:0 AM - 2:00 PM

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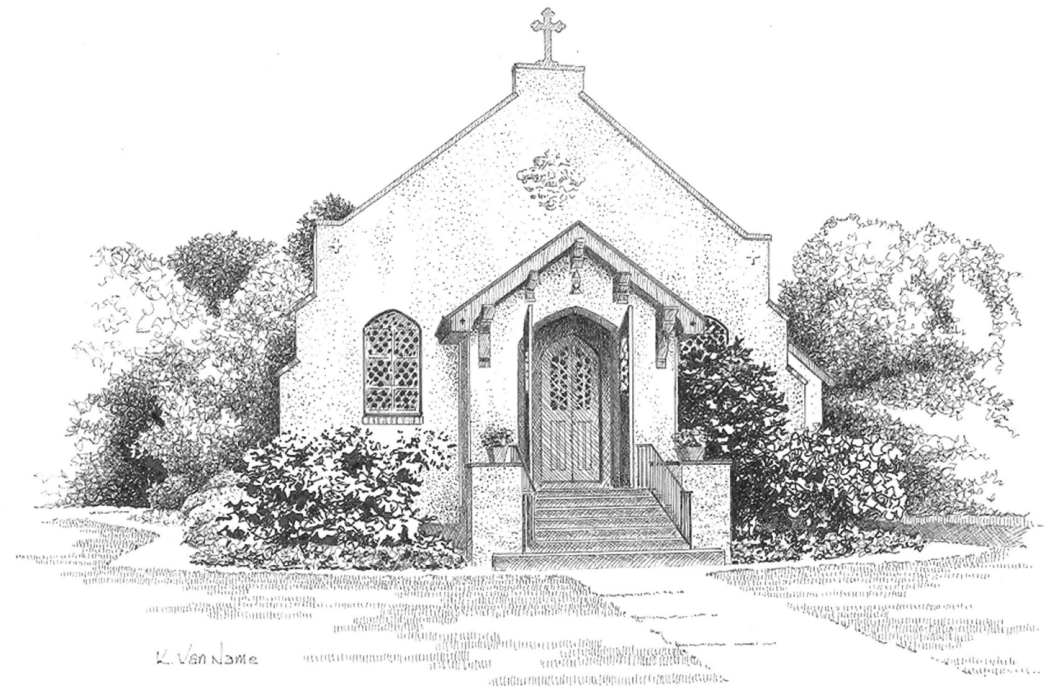
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**St. John's  
Episcopal Church**

Jesus said:

*“Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden,  
and I will give you rest.”*



**Last Sunday after Pentecost • Christ the King  
November 23, 2025 • 10 AM  
Holy Eucharist, Rite II**

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## Prelude

### Processional Hymn 433

*We Gather Together*

### Opening Acclamation (BCP 355)

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

### Collect for Purity (BCP 355)

### Hymn of Praise S-280

*Gloria in Excelsis*

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

### The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; 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

*Jeremiah 23:1-6*

A Reading from the Book of Jeremiah.

## Please Join Us for Adult Sunday School and Sunday Worship Services this Advent!

During the four-week season of Advent this year, we will make a few exciting changes to our regular worship schedule. During these four weeks (11/30, 12/7, 12/14, and 12/21), St. John's will offer an adult Sunday school class at 10:00 followed by our regular morning worship service at 11:00. We will serve coffee and refreshments both during Sunday School and also after church. As for our Sunday school class, we will spend the first three weeks looking at how each of the four Gospels differently tell (or not tell!) the story of Jesus's birth.

On the fourth Sunday, December 21 (Advent IV), St. John's host a multigenerational "Advent workshop" for children and adults to prepare together the Christmas ornaments that we will give out after the Christmas Eve service. That Sunday will be particularly special because St. John's will offer a service of Lessons and Carols as our 11:00 service (We will also offer a 9:00 service of Holy Eucharist that morning.)

### 11/30, 12/7, 12/14 (Advent I, II, and III)

10:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School (Mark and John on 11/30; Matthew on 12/7;  
Luke on 12/14)  
11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Choir  
12:00 Coffee Hour

### 12/21 (Advent IV)

9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist I  
10:00 a.m. Advent Workshop  
11:00 a.m. Lessons and Carols with Choir  
12:00 Coffee Hour at the Rectory

### 12/24 (Christmas Eve)

3:00 p.m. Christmas Pageant at St. Andrew's Dune Church  
9:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist with Choir at St. John's

### 12/25 (Christmas Day)

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist II at St. John's

## Sing With the Choir at Lessons and Carols this Year!

At the 11:00 service on Sunday, December 21, St. John's will offer a service of Lessons and Carols! If you would like to participate with the choir during this beautiful Christmas tradition, please contact Peter Ludlow! No musical experience is needed; Peter will teach you all that you need to know! Make a joyful noise to the Lord this holiday season!

*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 Blessing**

*People Stand or Kneel*

**Closing Hymn 290**

*Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

**The Dismissal (BCP 366)**

*Celebrant:* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

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

**Postlude**

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— *Dedications* —

The flowers at the Altar this week were given in the Glory of God and in loving memory of the Rogers & Grimm families by Ann Grimm.

— *Announcements* —

**Help Feed Our Neighbors in Need**

Please join us in supporting Maureen's Haven, a local ministry that provides meals and shelter to the homeless. We're looking for parish volunteers to donate food items on Saturdays and/or serve meals on select Sundays from November through March. Every helping hand makes a difference.

**2026 Service dates:** 1/10, 1/11, 2/14 2/15, 3/14, 3/15

Called to help? Sign-up sheets can be located at the back of the church. Please contact Florence Rolston at 516-769-6149 or [frolston@optonline.net](mailto:frolston@optonline.net) for more information.

**Share the Joy of Reading at the Southampton Day Care Center**

Parish volunteers are invited to read at the center on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month from 10:00–10:30 a.m. To sign up, please see the sheet in the Narthex or contact Pat Griffith (516-429-0449, [pgriffit@optonline.net](mailto:pgriffit@optonline.net)) or Inez at the Day Care (631-287-8734).

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

The word of the Lord.

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

**Canticle 16**

**The Song of Zechariah *Benedictus Dominus Deus***

**Luke 1:68-79**

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; \*  
he has come to his people and set them free.

He has raised up for us a mighty savior, \*  
born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old,  
that he would save us from our enemies, \*  
from the hands of all who hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our fathers \*  
and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, \*  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

Free to worship him without fear, \*  
holy and righteous in his sight  
all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, \*  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

To give his people knowledge of salvation \*  
by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God \*  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, \*  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

**The Second Reading**

*Colossians 1:11-20*

A Reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Colossians.

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers-- all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

The Word of the Lord

*People*

**Thanks be to God**

**Gospel Hymn 291**

*We Plow the Fields and Scatter*

**The Gospel**

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

*People*

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

*Luke 23:33-43*

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. The people stood by, watching Jesus on the cross; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for 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.**

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

*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 645**

*The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

**verses 1,2**

**Postcommunion Prayer (BCP 365)**

*Celebrant*

Let us pray.

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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

### **Sanctus S-125**

*Celebrant and People*

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The People stand or kneel*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ 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."

*Celebrant*

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death,**

**We proclaim his resurrection,**

**We await his coming in glory;**

*The Celebrant continues*

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*After the Gospel reading, children are invited to attend Sunday School for the remainder of the service. Please follow the Cross to the Sunday School room.*

### **The Sermon**

**The Rev. Jeremy Carlson**

### **Nicene Creed (BCP 358)**

**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—Form III (BCP 387)

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

## Confession of Sin

*The Deacon or Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

**Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*The Priest stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## The Peace (BCP 360)

*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.*

## Announcements

## The Liturgy of the Table

### Offertory Sentence

### Doxology Hymn 380, verse 3

## The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer B (BCP 367)

*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.**