

Sunday Services

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

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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."*



Parish Office Hours

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

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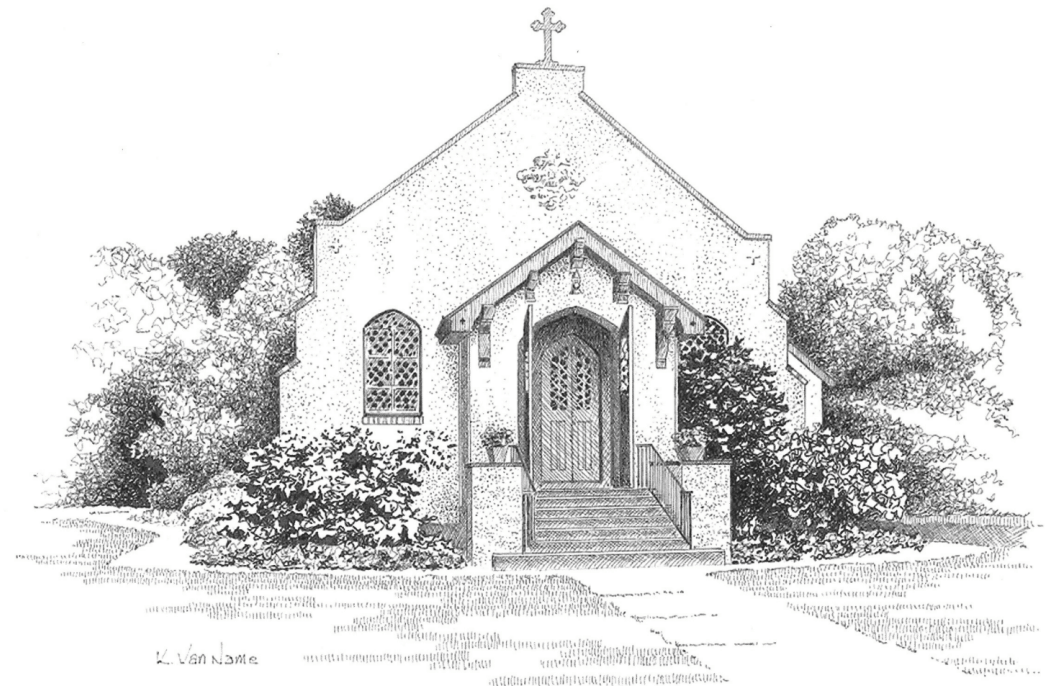
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**Third Sunday of Advent
December 14, 2025 • 11 AM
Holy Eucharist, Rite II**

100 South Main Street | Southampton, New York 11968 | (631) 283-0549

Prelude

Processional Hymn 61

Sleepers, Wake!

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)

Kyrie S-91

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Collect

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever.
Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

The First Reading

Isaiah 35:1-10

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;
like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly,
and rejoice with joy and singing.

The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.
They shall see the glory of the Lord,
the majesty of our God.

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

It's not too late to join us for our adult Sunday school class at 10 AM. Coffee and refreshments are served both during Sunday School and also after church for fellowship. On the fourth Sunday of Advent, December 21, we'll 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. This 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.)

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

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 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) or Inez at the Day Care (631-287-8734).

Postcommunion Prayer (BCP 365)

Celebrant

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

People Stand or Kneel

Closing Hymn 56

O come, O come, Emmanuel (vss. 5-8)

The Dismissal (BCP 366)

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

— *Announcements* —

A Christmas “All Call” for Shells!!

During the 10:00 hour on the fourth Sunday of Advent (December 21), we will have an all-ages, craft-making “Advent Workshop”! During this time, kids, parents, adults, grandparents are invited to participate as we make Christmas ornaments to be given away after the Christmas Eve service! Our craft this year will be painted shell ornaments. To make sure that we have enough shells for everyone, we are calling for you to bring in and donate any clam shells that you might have collected this year. Any size is perfect! Please plan to come to this fun holiday event; we will have Christmas music, hot chocolate and lots of treats for all!

Christmas Coffee Hour at the Rectory on Sunday December 21st

Please join us for a Christmas coffee hour at the rectory next door (Jeremy & Laura’s home) the after our 11:00 NEXT SUNDAY. We are sure to have a wonderful time of holiday fun and fellowship in this beautiful church property! Please contact Ursula or at Rose Dios at 631-680-7230 if you would like to bring a holiday treat to share!

Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.

Say to those who are of a fearful heart,

"Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you."

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

A highway shall be there,
and it shall be called the Holy Way;
the unclean shall not travel on it,
but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray.
No lion shall be there,
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;
they shall not be found there,
but the redeemed shall walk there.
And the ransomed of the Lord shall return,
and come to Zion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
they shall obtain joy and gladness,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 146:4-9

**4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! *
whose hope is in the Lord their God;**

**5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; *
who keeps his promise for ever;**

**6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, *
and food to those who hunger.**

**7 The Lord sets the prisoners free;
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind; *
the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;**

**8 The Lord loves the righteous;
the Lord cares for the stranger; *
he sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the way of the wicked.**

**9 The Lord shall reign for ever, *
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
Hallelujah!**

The Second Reading

James 5:7-10

A Reading from the Letter of James.

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord

People

Thanks be to God

Gospel Hymn 68

Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers

The Gospel

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

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Matthew 11:2-11

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?” Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.”

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written,

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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

verses 1,2

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer A (BCP 361)

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

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way before you.’

“Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.”

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 IV (BCP 388)

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