

### **Sunday Services**

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

Services are available online through  
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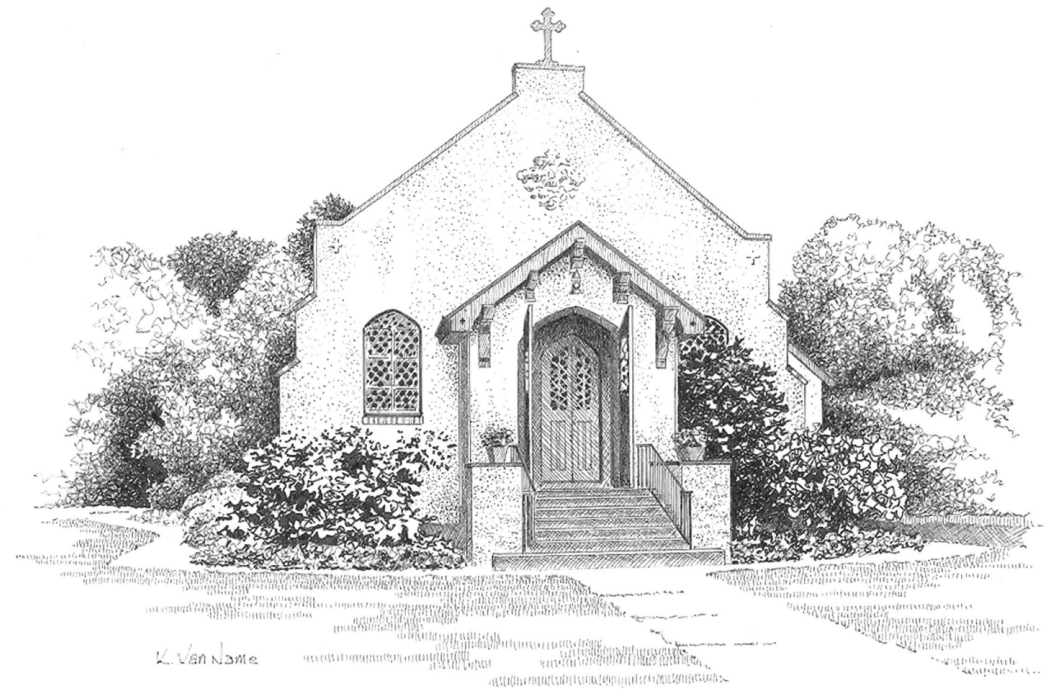
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# **St. John's Episcopal Church**

*Jesus said:*

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



**First Sunday after the Epiphany • The Baptism of Our Lord  
January 11, 2026  
Holy Eucharist, Rite II • 10 AM**

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**Prelude**

— *Announcements* —

**Processional Hymn 135**

*Songs of Thankfulness and praise*

**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)**

*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**

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

**The Liturgy of the Word**

**The First Reading**

*Isaiah 42:1-9*

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.

**Opportunity to Help Feed Our Neighbors in Need TODAY**

We're thankful for those who were able to share items yesterday and looking for parish volunteers to help us serve meals today. Please join us in supporting Maureen's Haven, a local ministry that provides meals and shelter to the homeless.

**2026 Service dates: 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. Every helping hand makes a difference.

**Rector's Bible Study Continues this Wednesday at Noon**

Join us on Wednesdays at Noon in the library for our weekly Bible study with Jeremy. We will have great fun each week as we examine the interconnection between the lectionary texts of the following Sunday.

**Craft Night at St. John's | Thursdays, Jan. 8–Feb. 12 from 5–6:30 PM**

Please join us for Craft Night on Thursday evenings through February 12. Each week will feature a fun, hands-on craft project. If you have a favorite craft you enjoy or something you have been wanting to try, come share it. Bring any supplies you have at home that you love to use, and we will also have a few basics available. Feel free to invite your friends. All are welcome!

**2026 Altar Dedications**

The Altar Guild invites you to make your flower and candle dedications for this year at your earliest convenience, ensuring your loved ones are beautifully honored throughout the year. Early submissions allow for flexible planning and help maintain the grace of our services each week, though dedications are welcome at any time. We deeply appreciate your thoughtful support, and if you can, kindly consider selecting a month for your gift to assist with scheduling.

**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).

**Closing Hymn 542**

*Christ is the World's True Light*

**The Dismissal (BCP 366)**

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

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

**Postlude**

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Here is my servant, whom I uphold,  
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;

I have put my spirit upon him;  
he will bring forth justice to the nations.

He will not cry or lift up his voice,  
or make it heard in the street;

a bruised reed he will not break,  
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;  
he will faithfully bring forth justice.

He will not grow faint or be crushed  
until he has established justice in the earth;  
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the Lord,  
who created the heavens and stretched them out,  
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,

who gives breath to the people upon it  
and spirit to those who walk in it:

I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness,  
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;

I have given you as a covenant to the people,  
a light to the nations,  
to open the eyes that are blind,

to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,  
from the prison those who sit in darkness.

I am the Lord, that is my name;  
my glory I give to no other,  
nor my praise to idols.

See, the former things have come to pass,  
and new things I now declare;

before they spring forth,  
I tell you of them.

The word of the Lord.

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

**Psalm 29**

**1 Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, \*  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.**

**2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; \*  
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.**

**3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;  
the God of glory thunders; \*  
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.**

**4 The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; \*  
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.**

**5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; \*  
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;**

**6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, \*  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

**7 The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;  
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; \*  
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

**8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe \*  
and strips the forests bare.**

**9 And in the temple of the Lord \*  
all are crying, "Glory!"**

**10 The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; \*  
the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.**

**11 The Lord shall give strength to his people; \*  
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.**

### **The Second Reading**

*Acts 10:34-43*

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter began to speak to them: "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."

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 Breaking of the Bread**

*Celebrant*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People*

**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

### **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.

*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**

*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."

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*

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.**

The Word of the Lord

*People*                   **Thanks be to God**

## **Gospel Hymn 599**

*Lift Every Voice and Sing*

## **The Gospel**

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

*People*                   **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

*Matthew 3:13-17*

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

*Celebrant*           The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **The Sermon**

**The Rev. Jeremy Carlson**

## **The Baptismal Covenant (BCP 304)**

*Celebrant*           Do you believe in God the Father?

*People*               **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

*Celebrant*           Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

*People*               **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

*Celebrant*           Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*People*               **I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.**

*Celebrant* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?  
*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?  
*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?  
*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?  
*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?  
*People* **I will, with God's help.**

### **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.*

### **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.**

*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 in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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: