

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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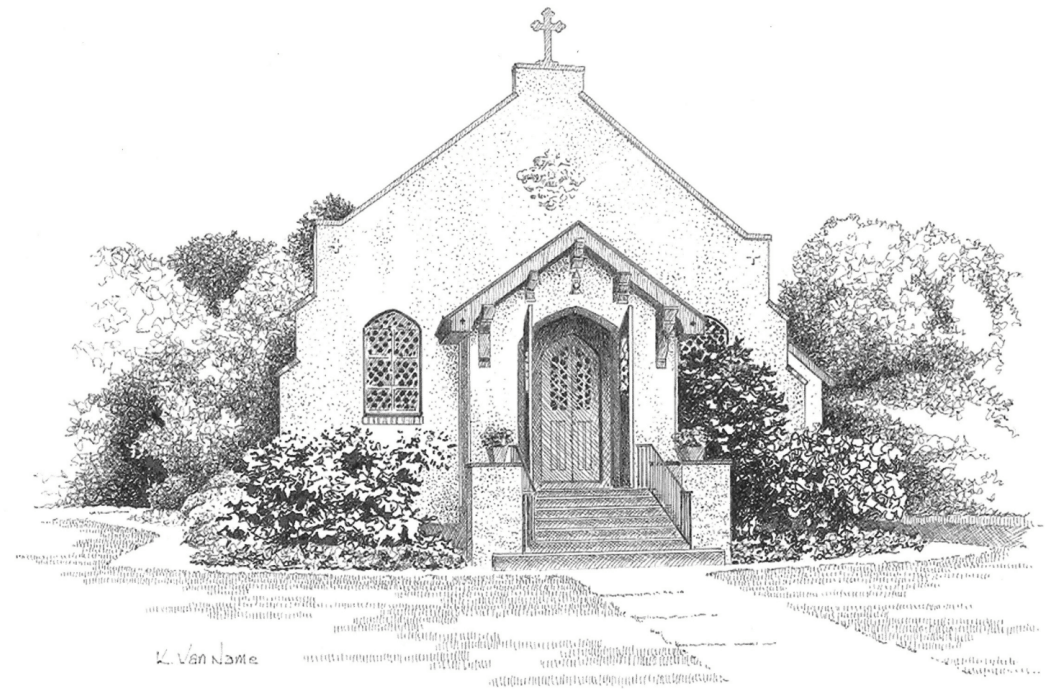
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St. John's Episcopal Church

Jesus said:

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



Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 8, 2026

Holy Eucharist, Rite II • 10 AM

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

Prelude

Processional Hymn 632

O Christ, the Word Incarnate

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

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

The First Reading

Isaiah 58:1-9a

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.
Shout out, do not hold back!
Lift up your voice like a trumpet!
Announce to my people their rebellion,
to the house of Jacob their sins.
Yet day after day they seek me
and delight to know my ways,
as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness
and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;

Annual Parish Meeting | February 15 at 11 AM

Our **Annual Parish Meeting** will be held **NEXT Sunday, February 15** following our 10 AM service. This is an important gathering for our church family. We'll review 2025, and share plans and priorities for 2026. Your presence, support, and voice matter as we move forward together.

Opportunity to Help Feed Our Neighbors in Need

Join us in supporting Maureen's Haven, a local ministry that provides meals and shelter to the homeless. **2026 Service dates: 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. Every helping hand makes a difference.

LAST Craft Night at St. John's | Thursday, Feb. 12 from 5 - 6:30 PM

What a wonderful time we've had! This is our last week to come together for hands-on crafting with friends. Feel free to invite friends. All are welcome!

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2026 Vestry Election

St. John's Episcopal Church will elect one vestry person next Sunday, February 15, 2026, at our 11:00 Annual Parish Meeting. St. John's Vestry consists of nine members. Each vestry member serves a term of three years; members who are willing to do so may serve as many as three consecutive terms. This year, St. John's will vote to fill the vestry position presently held by Sandra Klemuk, whose third consecutive term will expire. St. John's offers Sandra our heartfelt thanks for her leadership and ministry.

For our open vestry position this year, John Dios stands for election. In support of his candidacy, John writes: "In the forty years I have lived in Southampton, my life has involved helping people in need. In my work that meant giving advice and council. Outside of my professional life it has taken such forms as creating a foundation, with my wife Rose, to fund food pantries, teaching as a volunteer in jails and schools, weekly hotline counseling to people in crisis and at risk, and currently working with Heart of the Hamptons. Through all those years and personal ministries our family has drawn strength and support from being part of St Johns and, like many of us, I've happily worn different hats - teaching Sunday school, singing in the choir, serving as treasurer for the summer fair, reading and greeting. I'm certain most of us have a strong sense that our worshipping community needs all of us to contribute in whatever ways we can so that it continues to thrive. In that spirit I would gladly serve on the vestry to contribute in yet another way to the continued life of our church."

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

Closing Hymn 539

O Zion, Haste, Thy Mission High Fulfilling

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 were given in the Glory of God and in loving memory of Frederick Rolston by Florence Rolston.

— *Announcements* —

LAST DAY | Heart of the Hamptons Clothing Drive

TODAY is your last opportunity to bring your donations for the Heart of the Hamptons clothing giveaway. They are in need of clean, gently used clothing for everyone in the community. Volunteers are also welcome.

2026 Altar Dedications

Altar dedications are a beautiful way to honor or remember a loved one while helping maintain the grace of our services each week. While they are welcome at any time, the Altar Guild asks that you to make your flower and candle dedications at your earliest convenience to ensure your loved ones are beautifully honored throughout the year. We deeply appreciate your thoughtful support of at least \$50. Please select a month to assist with scheduling. Forms may be found in the pews. Please contact Ursula or Ellen Greaves for more info.

they ask of me righteous judgments,
they delight to draw near to God.

“Why do we fast, but you do not see?
Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?”

Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day,
and oppress all your workers.

Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight
and to strike with a wicked fist.

Such fasting as you do today
will not make your voice heard on high.

Is such the fast that I choose,
a day to humble oneself?

Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush,
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?

Will you call this a fast,
a day acceptable to the Lord?

Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the thongs of the yoke,

to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?

Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,
and bring the homeless poor into your house;

when you see the naked, to cover them,
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly;

your vindicator shall go before you,
the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.

Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 112:1-9

- 1 Hallelujah!
Happy are they who fear the Lord *
and have great delight in his commandments!**
- 2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land; *
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**
- 3 Wealth and riches will be in their house, *
and their righteousness will last for ever.**
- 4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright; *
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**
- 5 It is good for them to be generous in lending *
and to manage their affairs with justice.**
- 6 For they will never be shaken; *
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**
- 7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; *
their heart is right;
they put their trust in the Lord.**
- 8 Their heart is established and will not shrink, *
until they see their desire upon their enemies.**
- 9 They have given freely to the poor, *
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;
they will hold up their head with honor.**

The Second Reading

1 Corinthians 2:1-12

A Reading from the Letter of Sain Paul to the Corinthians.

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,
nor the human heart conceived,
what God has prepared for those who love him”—

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...

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 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

**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.**

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...

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 ...

these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God**

Gospel Hymn 564

He Who Would Valiant Be

The Gospel

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

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

Matthew 5:13-20

Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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,**