

Sunday Services

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

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Parish Office Hours

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

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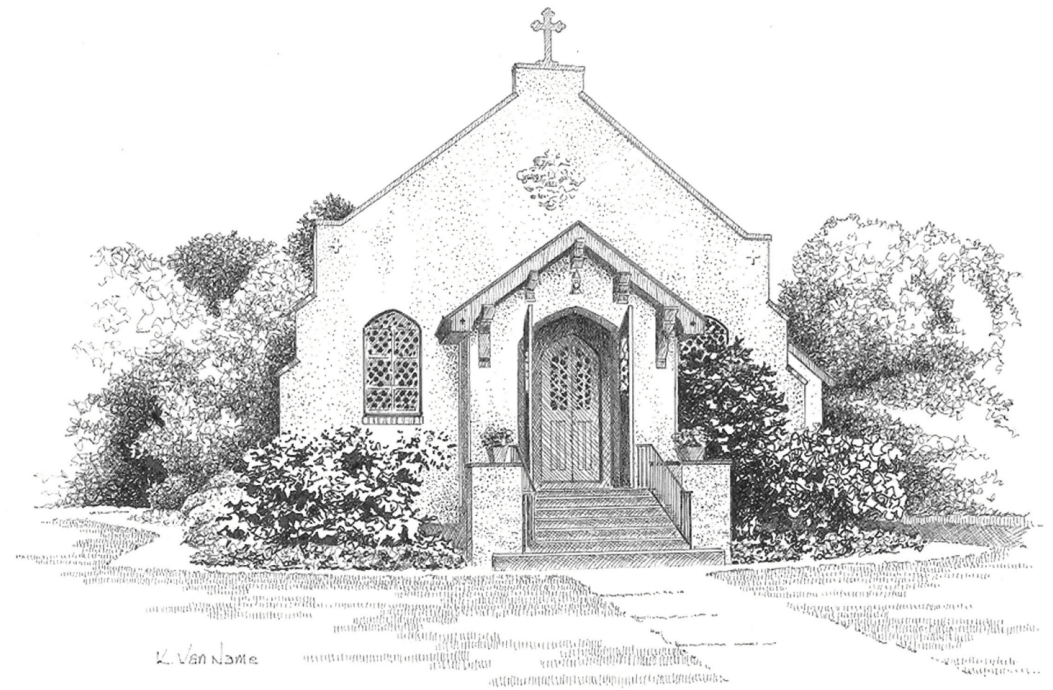
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St. John's Episcopal Church

Jesus said:

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



First Sunday in Lent

February 22, 2026

Holy Eucharist, Rite II • 10 AM

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

Prelude

Processional Hymn 150

Forty Days and Forty Nights

Opening Acclamation (BCP 351)

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People His mercy endures for ever.

The Decalogue (BCP 350)

Hear the commandments of God to his people:
I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.
You shall have no other gods but me.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not make for yourself any idol.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Honor your father and your mother.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit murder.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit adultery.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not steal.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not be a false witness.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Confession (BCP 352)

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

— *Announcements* —

Compline and Soup Supper on Tuesdays during Lent

Join us from 6:00-7:00 on Tuesday evenings during Lent for a delightful time of prayer and fellowship. For the five Tuesdays during Lent (2/24, 3/3, 3/10, 3/17, and 3/24), we will gather for a service of Compline (first in the Nave) followed by a lovely meal of soup and sides in the parish hall! Each week, our will feature reflections by different folks from within the congregation and are sure to draw all of our hearts closer to God during this very special season.

Virtual Gatherings with Neighboring Episcopal Churches on Thursday Nights During Lent

Zoom-In with Episcopal Churches from around the Peconic Deanery on Thursday Evenings as they discuss "Spiritual tools for today: lessons from Jesus and civil rights leaders."

Time: 7:00pm - Study Session; and 8:00pm - Compline.

Thursdays: Feb. 19, 26; March 12, 19 & 26.

Zoom: Meeting ID: 837 6688 5713 & Passcode: ChChBible

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.

Rector's Bible Study | Wednesdays at Noon

Join us in the library as we have great fun examining the interconnection between the lectionary texts of the following Sunday.

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).

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

Closing Hymn 474

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

The Dismissal (BCP 366)

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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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.**

Absolution (BCP 353)

The Bishop when present, or 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.**

Trisagion (S-102)

**Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.**

**Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.**

**Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.**

The Collect

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son 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

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 32

**1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, *
and whose sin is put away!**

**2 Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, *
and in whose spirit there is no guile!**

**3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, *
because of my groaning all day long.**

**4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; *
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.**

**5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, *
and did not conceal my guilt.**

**6 I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." *
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.**

**7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; *
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.**

**8 You are my hiding-place;
you preserve me from trouble; *
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.**

**9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; *
I will guide you with my eye.**

**10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; *
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,
or else they will not stay near you."**

**11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked; *
but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.**

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

The King of Love My Shepherd Is verses 1,2

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

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

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:

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:

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

**12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; *
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.**

Gospel Hymn 324

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

The Gospel

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

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

Matthew 4:1-11

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written,

‘One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

‘He will command his angels concerning you,
and ‘On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’”

Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.’”

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

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 II (BCP 385)

The Leader and People pray responsively

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world;
for our Bishop; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.
Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations;
and for the well-being of all people.
Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the
oppressed, and those in prison.
Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper
knowledge of him.
Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed.
Pray for those who have died.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.
Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

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 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.