

The Church of St. John the Baptist, Ma'adi, Cairo

The Episcopal/Anglican Diocese of Egypt with North Africa and the Horn of Africa

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The Third Friday of Easter



Welcome to St. John's Anglican Church!

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Holy Communion

The Welcome

We meet in the name of the Father and of the Son, and the Holy Spirit

Amen.

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **And also with you**

THE FIRST HYMN #12 HOLY GOD. WE PRAISE THY NAME

1 Holy God, we praise Thy name;
Lord of all, we bow before Thee;
All on earth Thy scepter claim,
All in heaven above adore Thee:
Infinite Thy vast domain,
Everlasting is Thy reign.

2 Hark, the glad celestial hymn
Angel choirs above are raising;
Cherubim and seraphim,
In unceasing chorus praising;
Fill the heavens with sweet accord:
Holy, holy, holy Lord.

3 Holy Father, holy Son,
Holy Spirit: three we name Thee,
Though in essence only one;
Undivided God we claim Thee,
And adoring, bend the knee
While we sing our praise to Thee.

The Collect of Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: Hear O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and write both these your laws in our hearts, we ask you.

The Lord be with you **and also with you**

The call to confession

Christ our passover lamb has been sacrificed for us.
Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil
and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.
1 Corinthians 5.7,8

Silence

The Confession

Almighty God our heavenly Father, we are truly sorry and repent of all our sins, for the sake of you Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is passed and grant that we may serve you in newness of life, to the glory of your name. Amen

The Absolution

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray:

The Collect for The Third Sunday of Easter

Almighty Father,
who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples
with the sight of the risen Lord:
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life
and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The First Reading: Acts 3: 12-19

When Peter saw this, he said to them: "Fellow Israelites, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus. You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate, though he had decided to let him go. You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. You

killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this. By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus' name and the faith that comes through him that has completely healed him, as you can all see. "Now, fellow Israelites, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders. But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Messiah would suffer. Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm 4

- 1 Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; *
**you set me free when I am hard-pressed;
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.**
- 2 "You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; *
**how long will you worship dumb idols
and run after false gods?"**
- 3 Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful; *
when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.
- 4 Tremble, then, and do not sin; *
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.
- 5 Offer the appointed sacrifices *
and put your trust in the Lord.
- 6 Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see better times!" *
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord.
- 7 You have put gladness in my heart, *
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.
- 8 I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; *
for only you, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

**Glory be to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit as it was in the
beginning is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen**

The Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-7

See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness. But you know that he appeared so that he might take away our sins. And in him is no sin. No one who lives in him keeps on sinning. No one who

continues to sin has either seen him or known him. Dear children, do not let anyone lead you astray. The one who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

THE GOSPEL HYMN #328 HAVE YOU ANY ROOM FOR JESUS

We sing v.1–2 before the Gospel reading and v.3–4 afterwards

1 Have you any room for Jesus,
He who bore your load of sin?
As He knocks and asks admission,
Sinner, will you let Him in?

Refrain:

*Room for Jesus, King of Glory!
Hasten now, His Word obey.
Swing the heart's door widely open;
Bid Him enter while you may.*

2 Room for pleasure, room for business;
But for Christ, the Crucified,
Not a place that He can enter,
In the heart for which He died? [*Refrain*]

The Holy Gospel: St. Luke 24:36-48

Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one; I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore.

Alleluia. Cf Revelation 1.17,18

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Christ

While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate it in their presence. He

said to them, “This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms. “Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. He told them, “This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Christ

THE GOSPEL HYMN #328 HAVE YOU ANY ROOM FOR JESUS

3 Have you any room for Jesus,
As in grace He calls again?
O today is time accepted
Later you may call in vain

Refrain:

*Room for Jesus, King of Glory!
Hasten now, His Word obey.
Swing the heart's door widely open;
Bid Him enter while you may.*

4 Room and time now give to Jesus;
Soon will pass God's day of grace -
Soon your heart left cold and silent,
And your Saviour's pleading cease. [*Refrain*]

The Sermon -Rev. Sharon Chalcraft

A Moment for Reflection

The Nicene Creed (please Stand)

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. 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 Intercessory Prayers: The Prayers of the People

We pray for the sick, broken-hearted and all who are in need of God's healing touch.

We pray for all our families, our communities, our churches, our countries and the world.

*In our parish cycle, this week we remember **Miriam Shoklalla, Marianne and Robert Tomusange, Marina Domanska, Marina Michael, Mario Seha, Mark Amir Ibrahim, and Mike and Marty Reimer***

We pray for the ministries of this church, and for all the people and pastors of our sister churches who meet here at St. John's.

We pray for the people of the Diocese of Egypt,

Merciful Father, accept these prayers, through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

The Peace

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.'

Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

John 20.19,20

Offertory Sentence: Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good thy vows unto the Most High (Psalm 50:14)

THE OFFERTORY HYMN - THE GREATEST THING

The greatest thing in all my life is knowing You,
The greatest thing in all my life is knowing You;
I want to know You more, I want to know You more,
The greatest thing in all my life is knowing You.

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory, send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine may be to us the body and the blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy gifts make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died!

Christ has risen

Christ will come again!

With your whole church throughout the world we offer you this sacrifice of praise and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord of Hosts (x2)

The whole earth is full of his glory (x3)

Holy is the Lord!

BLESSED is he who comes in the name of the Lord:

Hosanna in the highest.

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

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, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in the one bread.

The Prayer of Humble Access

We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather out the crumbs under your table but you are the same Lord, whose nature is always to have mercy, Grant us therefore gracious Lord, so that we eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink His blood, that our sinful bodies maybe clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in Him, and He in us. Amen.

A moment of silence....

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

All baptised those who have been baptised, and who love the Lord are welcome to come forward and participate in holy communion

Communion: **MEDITATIVE MUSIC**

Prayer after Communion

Post Communion

Living God,
your Son made himself known to his disciples
in the breaking of bread:
open the eyes of our faith,
that we may see him in all his redeeming work;
who is alive and reigns, now and forever. **Amen**

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

The Blessing

The God of peace,
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
that great shepherd of the sheep,
through the blood of the eternal covenant,
make you perfect in every good work to do his will,
working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight;
and the blessing ...

of God almighty, the father, Son, and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fruit and Vegetable bags are available after this service, but you must have signed up first!!

Email: stjohnscairo@gmail.com

Each Monday evening at 7 pm

you would be welcome to join in a time for prayer for the needs of this world. This will be offered via zoom.

Please know how welcomed you will be and we will confirm with you the link

THE RECESSIONAL HYMN #473 VICTORY IN JESUS

1 I heard an old, old story, how a Savior came from glory
How He gave His life on Calvary to save a wretch like me
I heard about His groaning, of His precious blood's atoning
Then I repented of my sins and won the victory

Refrain

Oh, victory in Jesus, my Savior forever
He sought me and bought me with His redeeming blood
He loved me 'ere I knew Him and all my love is due Him
He plunged me to victory beneath the cleansing flood

2 I heard about His healing, of His cleansing power revealing
How He made the lame to walk again and 'caused the blind to see
And then I cried, "Dear Jesus, come and heal my broken spirit"
And somehow Jesus came and brought to me the victory (***Refrain***)

3 I heard about a mansion; He has built for me in glory
And I heard about the streets of gold beyond the crystal sea
About the angels singing and the old redemption story
And some sweet day, I'll sing up there the song of victory. (***Refrain***)

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen!

You are very welcome here! We would love you to grow with us as we explore what it means to become followers of Jesus Christ -

**and as we learn to really live in this world!
If there is anything we can offer or do for you, please do speak
to one of us.**

If you have a favourite hymn, or praise song – do tell us!

St John the Baptist Announcements – Friday, April 16th 2021

Today, Friday 16th April - Today is the Third Friday of Easter.

Bless you in this time of crisis.

Coffee Hour/ Fellowship

**We received permission from Archbishop to share fellowship
after 10 am service outside under the tent.**

COVID-19 precautions will still apply.

Please pray for us, and for yourself, that we offer one another the Hope
that is ours in Jesus Christ our Lord

Emergency Food Packages

If you or someone you know of from our St. John's Congregational family are in need during this difficult time of isolation and shut down please contact Revd. Sharon (mrschalc@gmail.com), Pamela Doroh (stjohnscairo@gmail.com) or Joyce Lee (sylee8869@yahoo.com). St. John's is establishing a small emergency food bank, with packages for a limited number of people but which can be given to those in need during this time. Do get in touch if you or another is in need.

If you would like to support this outreach that would be a welcome donation indeed. Please mark your offering as 'Food Bank Offering' and it will go to that ministry. Thank you.

**A time of Prayer – for the world, and for one another...
Each Monday evening at 7 pm you would be welcome to join in a time
for prayer for the needs of this world, which sometimes seem to be so
many as to be overwhelming. This will be offered via zoom. Do know
how welcome you will be.**

Join Zoom Meeting

**Morning Communion is said every Friday, at 9:15 am under the tent,
which all are welcome to attend. Distance is required, masks and sanitizers
are used.**

In order for the church and compound to be kept safe all people are asked to sanitize their hands at the entrance and to wear their mask at all times.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Please know how St. John's is dependent upon you and your offering and tithe to the church to continue. Our givings are substantially down because we have not been meeting together for worship. We need your support in order to continue to offer the ministry we believe we are called to offer. Please, if you are able, give generously to this, your church community. Either through the following:

Donations/Offerings/Tithing: These can be come through internet transfers to the following accounts:

1. St John Baptist Church, CIB Bank, USD Account No. **100009813057**
2. St John Baptist Church, CIB Bank, EGP Account No. **100018260427**
3. Friends of St John the Baptist Anglican Church of Cairo, Wells Fargo (USA), Account No. **5692550535**

Or by contacting our Parish Administrator Pamela Doroh (stjohnscairo@gmail.com) and she will arrange for someone to pick up your donation from your home, or you can drop it off at the church. Thank you, and please do give as you are able.

Thank you !!!

**24 ""The Lord bless you
and keep you;**

**25 the Lord make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you;**

**26 the Lord turn his face toward you
and give you peace." Numbers 6:24-26**

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