

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

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

10 September 2021

Fifteenth Friday After Trinity



Welcome to St. John's Anglican Church!

Address: Corner of Road 17 and Port Saidi Street, Maadi

Revd. Sharon Chalcraft: Priest email: mrschalc@gmail.com

phone: (mobile) on request

Rector's Warden: Rita Nicolas rita.nicolas@ymail.com

People's Warden: Mary Lai aaaaeafa2014@gmail.com

Parish Administrator: Pamela Doroh stjohnscairo@gmail.com

Church Office 02 2378 5562

Parish Website: www.stjohnschurchmaadi.org

Church email: stjohnscairo@gmail.com

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 #43 GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

1 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father. *
There is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not.
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

2 Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow;
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness!

Great is thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see.

All I have needed thy hand hath provided.

Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

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 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 Fifteenth Friday After Trinity

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The First Reading: Proverbs 1:20-33

²⁰ Out in the open wisdom calls aloud,
she raises her voice in the public square;

²¹ on top of the wall^[a] she cries out,
at the city gate she makes her speech:

²² “How long will you who are simple love your simple ways?
How long will mockers delight in mockery
and fools hate knowledge?

²³ Repent at my rebuke!
Then I will pour out my thoughts to you,

I will make known to you my teachings.
24 But since you refuse to listen when I call
and no one pays attention when I stretch out my hand,
25 since you disregard all my advice
and do not accept my rebuke,
26 I in turn will laugh when disaster strikes you;
I will mock when calamity overtakes you—
27 when calamity overtakes you like a storm,
when disaster sweeps over you like a whirlwind,
when distress and trouble overwhelm you.
28 “Then they will call to me but I will not answer;
they will look for me but will not find me,
29 since they hated knowledge
and did not choose to fear the LORD.
30 Since they would not accept my advice
and spurned my rebuke,
31 they will eat the fruit of their ways
and be filled with the fruit of their schemes.
32 For the waywardness of the simple will kill them,
and the complacency of fools will destroy them;
33 but whoever listens to me will live in safety
and be at ease, without fear of harm.”

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm 19

1 The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows his handiwork.

2 One day tells its tale to another, *
and one night imparts knowledge to another.

3 Although they have no words or language, *
and their voices are not heard,

4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, *

and their message to the ends of the world.

5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; *
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again; *
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

7 The law of the Lord is perfect
and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the Lord is sure
and gives wisdom to the innocent.

8 The statutes of the Lord are just
and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the Lord is clear
and gives light to the eyes.

9 The fear of the Lord is clean
and endures forever; *
the judgments of the Lord are true
and righteous altogether.

10 More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey,
than honey in the comb.

11 By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.

12 Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleanse me from my secret faults.

13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offense.

14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
heart be acceptable in your sight, *
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

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: James 3:1-12

1 Not many of you should become teachers, my fellow believers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly. 2 We all stumble in many ways. Anyone who is never at fault in what they say is perfect, able to keep their whole body in check. 3 When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal. 4 Or take ships as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go. 5 Likewise, the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. 6 The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole body, sets the whole course of one's life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell. 7 All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and sea creatures are being tamed and have been tamed by mankind, 8 but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. 9 With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God's likeness. 10 Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be. 11 Can both fresh water and salt water flow from the same spring? 12 My brothers and sisters, can a fig tree bear olive, or a grapevine bear figs? Neither can a salt spring produce fresh water.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

THE GOSPEL HYMN #268 GOD, OUR FATHER, WE ADORE THEE

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

1 God, our Father, we adore Thee!
We, thy children, bless Thy Name!
Chosen in the Christ before Thee,
We are "holy, without blame."
We adore Thee! we adore Thee!
Abba's praises we proclaim!
We adore Thee! we adore Thee!
Abba's praises we proclaim!

2 Son Eternal, we adore Thee!
Lamb upon the throne on high!
Lamb of God, we bow before Thee,
Thou hast brought Thy people nigh!
We adore Thee! we adore Thee!
Son of God, who came to die!
We adore Thee! we adore Thee!
Son of God, who came to die!

The Holy Gospel: St. Mark 8:27-38

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 Mark.

Glory to you, Lord Christ

27 Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked them, "Who do people say I am?" 28 They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." 29 "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" Peter answered, "You are the Messiah." 30 Jesus warned them not to tell anyone about him. 31 He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. 32 He

spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. 33 But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. "Get behind me, Satan!" he said. "You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns." 34 Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. 35 For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. 36 What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? 37 Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? 38 If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels."

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Christ

THE GOSPEL HYMN # 268 GOD, OUR FATHER, WE ADORE THEE

3 Holy Spirit, we adore Thee!
Paraclete and heav'nly guest!
Sent from God and from the Savior,
Thou hast led us into rest.
We adore Thee! we adore Thee!
By Thy grace forever blest;
We adore Thee! we adore Thee!
By Thy grace forever blest!

4 Father, Son and Holy Spirit -
Three in One! we give Thee praise!
For the riches we inherit,
Heart and voice to Thee we raise!
We adore Thee! we adore Thee!
Thee we bless thro' endless days!
We adore Thee! we adore Thee!
Thee we bless thro' endless days!

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 **Francis Selvio Aba, Franco Tombe, Frederika Hessing, Douglas, Fungai, Shean, Mukudzei and***

Nokutenda

Tsetsetse, Fumi, Daniel, Herzbeba and David Obisesan, Gabrielle Stanton and Gaylin Mbogho.

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 #462 SAVIOR, LIKE A SHEPHERD LEAD US

1 Savior, like a shepherd lead us,
Much we need Thy tender care;
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us,
For our use Thy folds prepare:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Thou hast bought us, Thine we are;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.

2 We are Thine; do Thou befriend us,
Be the Guardian of our way;
Keep Thy flock, from sin defend us,
Seek us when we go astray:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Hear, O hear us when we pray;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Hear, O hear us when we pray.

3 Thou hast promised to receive us,
Poor and sinful though we be;
Thou hast mercy to relieve us,
Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Early let us turn to Thee;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Early let us turn to Thee.

4 Early let us seek Thy favor;
Early let us do Thy will;
Blessed Lord and only Savior,
With Thy love our beings fill:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Thou hast loved us, love us still;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Thou hast loved us, love us still.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you	And also with you
Lift up your hearts	We lift them to the Lord
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God	It is right to give our
thanks and praise	

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all Creation; in your love you made us for yourself. When we turned away, you did not reject us, but came to meet us in your son.

**You embraced us as your children
And welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us.

**He opened his arms of love upon the
cross
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin**

On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends he took bread, and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to them, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; Do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
His body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks 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; Do this in remembrance of me.

Father, we do this in remembrance of him; His blood is shed for us.

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

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy;
and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall,
keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful,
and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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

CERTIFICATE ACHIEVMENT AWARDS

GO TO

MARY MACHA

AYUEL DENG

PETER MANGU

LAILA GUMA

PAMELA ODOLI

LEAH CALLUCHG

VIOLET KASURU

MINI SAMY

SANDRA SMART

GOLDA GAUDENSIO ALBERTO

ROSALINDA WILLIAMS

We will also be reinstating the readers sign-up sheet, so thanking those of you in advance who take up the challenge!!!

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

9.30am each Monday morning there is morning prayer followed by bible study. You are all very welcome.

In the evening at 7 pm there is Zoom Prayers, and you are welcome to join us. It's a time of prayer for the needs of this world and each other. If you cannot join the Zoom, you can offer your prayers to the group who will pray for you.

After this service we will begin a 4-week course on 'What is prayer, how to pray and how to lead intercessions.' Everyone is welcome.

Next Friday the 17th of September we will be having our normal 10am service. Archbishop my will be joining us. Due to Covid numbers are limited.

After the service, under the tent there will be a celebration in what we have achieved in the last 12 months, a thank you to Reverend Sharon and a look forward at what is coming up in the next few weeks.

THE RECESSIONAL HYMN # 229 OUR GOD REIGNS

1 How lovely on the mountains are the feet of him
who brings good news, good news?
Announcing peace, proclaiming news of happiness.
Our God reigns, Our God reigns!

Refrain:

*Our God reigns! Our God reigns!
Our God reigns! Our God reigns!*

2 He had no stately form. He had no majesty,
That we should be drawn to Him.
He was despised and we took no account of Him,
Yet now He reigns with the Most High.

Refrain:

*Our God reigns! Our God reigns!
Our God reigns! Our God reigns!*

3 Out from the tomb He came with grace and majesty,
He is alive, He is alive.
God loves us so, see here His hands, His feet, His side.
Yes, we know, He is alive.

Refrain:

*Our God reigns! Our God reigns!
Our God reigns! Our God reigns!*

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, September 10th 2021

Today, Friday 10th September - Today is the Fifteenth Friday after Trinity.

Bless you in this time of crisis.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

St. John's is dependent upon you and your offering and tithe to the church to continue. Our giving is substantially down because we have not been meeting together for worship. We need your support to continue to offer the ministries we believe we are called to offer.

- Please, if you are able, give generously to this, your church community.

If you feel able, please help with the readings or prayers each week. They will be written and provided for you, so the hard

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**

Assistant Priest, English congregation:

The Rev'd Mrs. Sharon Chalcraft mrschalc@gmail.com

Associate Priest, Egyptian Congregation:

Canon Hamd Daoud Sekdi pastorhandy@yahoo.com

Associate Priest, Sudanese Congregation:

The Rev'd Mr. Emmanuel Sapana emmasapana@yahoo.co.uk

Administrator/Church Secretary:

Pamela Doroh stjohnscairo@gmail.com

Property Manager:

Pastor Kingsley Akamagwuna kingskemi@gmail.com

People's Warden:

Mary Lai aaaaeafa2014@gmail.com

Rector's Warden:

Rita Nicolas rita.nicolas@ymail.com

Phone Contacts: Church Office 02 2378 5562