

# ***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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**Welcome to St. John's Anglican Church!**

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# *Welcome to Our Service of Morning Prayer*

## **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**

## **Preparation**

O God, make speed to save us  
**O Lord, make haste to help us.**

My heart tells of your word, 'Seek my face'  
**Your face, Lord, will I seek.** *Psalm 27.10*

## **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.

**Amen.**

***candle may be lit and silence may be kept.***

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Come, Holy Spirit of God,  
**and search our hearts with the light of Christ.**

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:  
The first commandment is this:  
‘Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord.

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,  
with all your soul, with all your mind,  
and with all your strength.'

The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'

There is no other commandment greater than these.

On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

**Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

O God, make speed to save us  
**O Lord, make haste to help us.**

My heart tells of your word, 'Seek my face'  
**Your face, Lord, will I seek.** *Psalm 27.10*

*After a period of reflection*

**Lord our God,  
in our sin we have avoided your call.  
Our love for you is like a morning cloud,  
like the dew that goes away early.  
Have mercy on us; deliver us from judgement;  
bind up our wounds and revive us;  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. *cf Hosea 6***

**Amen.**

## **Absolution**

May almighty God,  
who sent his Son into the world to save sinners,  
bring *us* his pardon and peace, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

## **The Collect for the Day**

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **The Word of God**

### **The First Reading Jeremiah 23:1-6**

23 “Woe to the shepherds who are destroying and scattering the sheep of my pasture!” declares the Lord. 2 Therefore this is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says to the shepherds who tend my people: “Because you have scattered my flock and driven them away and have not bestowed care on them, I will bestow punishment on you for the evil you have done,” declares the Lord. 3 “I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them and will bring them back to their pasture, where they will be fruitful and increase in number. 4 I will place shepherds over them who will tend them, and they will no longer be afraid or terrified, nor will any be missing,” declares the Lord. 5 “The days are coming,” declares the Lord, “when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land. 6 In his days

Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. This is the name by which he will be called: The Lord Our Righteous Savior.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

### **The Psalm 23**

1 The Lord is my shepherd; \*

**I shall not be in want.**

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures \*

**and leads me beside still waters.**

3 He revives my soul \*

**and guides me along the right pathways for his Name's sake.**

4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I shall fear no evil; \*

**for you are with me;**

**your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me;

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**you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.**

6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my

life, \*

**and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

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

## **Second Reading Ephesians 2:11-22**

11 Therefore, remember that formerly you who are Gentiles by birth and called “uncircumcised” by those who call themselves “the circumcision” (which is done in the body by human hands) 12 remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world. 13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ. 14 For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, 15 by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, 16 and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. 17 He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. 18 For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit. 19 Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God’s people and also members of his household, 20 built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. 21 In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. 22 And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

## The Gospel Hymn #203 : And Can It Be

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

1 And can it be that I should gain  
An int'rest in the Savior's blood?  
Died He for me, who caused His pain?  
For me, who Him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! how can it be  
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

### ***Refrain:***

*Amazing love! how can it be  
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?*

2 He left His Father's throne above,  
So free, so infinite His grace!  
Emptied Himself of all but love,  
And bled for Adam's helpless race!  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,  
For, O my God, it found out me.

### ***Refrain:***

*Amazing love! how can it be  
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?*

## **The Gospel**

Alleluia, alleluia. I am the light of the world, says the Lord. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life. *cf John 8.12*

### **Alleluia.**

Hear the Gospel of the Lord according to Mark

*Mark 6:30-34, 53 -56*

### **Praise to you O Christ.**

30 The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to him all they had done and taught. 31 Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, “Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest.” 32 So they went away by themselves in a boat to a solitary place. 33 But many who saw them leaving recognized them and ran on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. 34 When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things. 53 When they had crossed over, they landed at Gennesaret and anchored there. 54 As soon as they got out of the boat, people recognized Jesus. 55 They ran throughout that whole region and carried the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. 56 And wherever he went into villages, towns or countryside they placed the sick in the marketplaces. They begged him to let them touch even the edge of his cloak, and all who touched it were healed.

This is the Gospel of the Lord   **Thanks be to God.**

**The Gospel Hymn #203 : And Can It Be**

*and v.3–4 afterwards*

3 Long my imprisoned spirit lay  
Fast bound in sin and nature's night.  
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray:  
I woke - the dungeon flamed with light!  
My chains fell off, my heart was free,  
I rose, went forth and followed Thee.

***Refrain:***

*Amazing love! how can it be  
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?*

4 No condemnation now I dread:  
Jesus, and all in Him is mine!  
Alive in Him, my living Head,  
And clothed in righteousness divine,  
Bold, I approach th'eternal throne,  
And claim the crown, thru Christ, my own.

***Refrain:***

*Amazing love! how can it be  
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?*

**Reflection or Homily:** Given by Rev. Sharon

### **Musical reflection**

### **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 **Timothy Kennet, Tracy Carter, Vaiva Smite, Victoria Green, Victoria Uzere, Vimbayi, Shepherd, Evan and Zaine Muridzi and Violet Kasuvu***

*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.**

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

**During our offertory hymn this morning if you would like to bring your offering, your tithe to the Altar to be blessed and have a personal prayer you are welcome to do so.**

**Offertory Hymn# 202 Amazing Grace -**

**(Dr Farid to Share the Story of Amazing)**

1 Amazing grace! how sweet the sound -  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost but now am found,  
Was blind, but now I see.

2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed

3 The Lord has promised good to me,  
His Word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures.

4 Thru many dangers, toils and snares  
I have already come;  
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,  
And grace will lead me home.

5 When we've been there ten thousand years,  
Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we'd first begun.

## **Offertory Thanksgiving**

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour, and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

**All things come from you, and of your own do we give you.**

## **Prayer**

Let us sit or kneel for prayer.

Christ be with me, Christ within me,

**Christ behind me, Christ before me,**

Christ beside me, Christ to win me,

**Christ to comfort and restore me.**

Christ beneath me, Christ above me,

**Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,**

Christ in hearts of all that love me,

**Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.**

*(from St Patrick's Breastplate)*

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**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.**

### **Notices**

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

[Emergency dry food are available be request. Please see Kingsley.](#)

On Monday morning 9.15-930-ish there is morning prayer for the staff followed by a bible study you are welcome to join us here in church.

[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. Godwin will be the host.](#)

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

[Each Friday at 9.15 there is a communion service outside under the tent followed by our usual 10am service in church.](#)

For those wishing to gain confidence reading in church or taking part in the service Paul is offering mentoring to those who are interested in this ministry.

[The Waadi shop is open.](#)

DURING JULY AND AUGUST EVENTS WILL BE QUIET AS SO MANY ARE AWAY. YP AND COMING EVENTS WILL BE ADVERTIISED WEEKLY. IN SEPTEMBER IT IS HOPED THAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO ANNOUNCE A FULL PROGRAMME OF EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

**Wanted**

**[As well as Jesus is there a carpenter in our midst?](#)**

We are looking for someone who is able to repair some locks, doors and general maintenance. If you think you might fit the bill please arrange to speak to Reverend Sharon

**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 work is already done.**

### **Recessional Hymn# 473 Victory In Jesus**

I 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***

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.

3 I heard about 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***

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.

## **The Grace**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all evermore.

**Amen.**

## **The Conclusion**

God who made both heaven and earth bless us.

**Amen**

Let us go in love and peace to serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ. Amen**