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MORNING PRAYER

I was glad when they said unto me, "We will go into the house of the LORD."

PSALM 122:1

THE FIRST HYMN# 26 A MIGHTY FORTRESS

1 A mighty fortress is our God,
A bulwark never failing;
Our helper He amid the flood
Of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe
Doth seek to work us woe -
His craft and pow'r are great,
And, armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.

2 Did we in our own strength confide,
Our striving would be losing,
Were not the right Man on our side,
The man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, it is He -
Lord Sabaoth His Name,
From age to age the same,
And He must win the battle.

3 And though this world, with devils filled,
Should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed
His truth to triumph thru us.
The prince of darkness grim,
We tremble not for him -
His rage we can endure,
For lo, his doom is sure:
One little word shall fell him.

4 That word above all earthly pow'rs,
No thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours
Thru Him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go,
This mortal life also -
The body they may kill:
God's truth abideth still:
His kingdom is forever.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Dearly beloved, the Scriptures teach us to acknowledge our many sins and offenses, not concealing them from our heavenly Father, but confessing them with humble and obedient hearts that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy. We ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before Almighty God, but especially when we come together in his presence to give thanks for the great benefits we have received at his hands, to declare his most worthy praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things which are necessary for our life and our salvation. Therefore, draw near with me to the throne of heavenly grace.

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and apart from your grace, there is no health in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare all those who confess their faults. Restore all those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to all people in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may now live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of your holy Name. Amen.

Grant to your faithful people, merciful Lord, pardon and peace; that we may be cleansed from all our sins, and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All stand.

Officiant O Lord, open our lips;

People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Officiant O God, make speed to save us;

People **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Officiant Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

People **As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world
without end. Amen.**

Officiant Praise the Lord.

People **The Lord's Name be praised.**

JUBILATE: PSALM 100

Be Joyful

**O be joyful in the LORD, all you lands; *
serve the LORD with gladness,
and come before his presence with a song.
Be assured that the LORD, he is God; *
it is he that has made us, and not we ourselves;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving,
and into his courts with praise; *
be thankful unto him, and speak good of his Name.
For the LORD is gracious, his mercy is everlasting, *
and his truth endures from generation to generation.**

THE PSALM

Psalm 128 *Beati omnes*

- 1 Happy are they all who fear the LORD, **and who follow in his ways!**
- 2 You shall eat the fruit of your labor; **happiness and prosperity shall be yours.**
- 3 Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine within your house, **your children like olive shoots round about your table.**
- 4 The man who fears the LORD **shall thus indeed be blessed.**
- 5 The LORD bless you from Zion, **and may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life.**
- 6 May you live to see your children's children; **may peace be upon Israel. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; * as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

THE First Lesson : **Genesis 37:1-28**

Jacob lived in the land where his father had stayed, the land of Canaan.

This is the account of Jacob's family line. Joseph, a young man of seventeen, was tending the flocks with his brothers, the sons of Bilhah and the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives, and he brought their father a bad report about them. Now Israel loved Joseph more than any of his other sons, because he had been born to him in his old age; and he made an ornate robe for him. When his brothers saw that their father loved him more than any of them, they hated him and could not speak a kind word to him. Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers, they hated him all the more. He said to them, "Listen to this dream I had: We were binding sheaves of grain out in the field when suddenly my sheaf rose and stood upright, while your sheaves gathered around mine and bowed down to it." His brothers said to him, "Do you intend to reign over us? Will you actually rule us?" And they hated him all the more because of his dream and what he had said. Then he had another dream, and he told it to his brothers. "Listen," he said, "I had another dream, and this time the sun and moon and eleven stars were bowing down to me." When he told his father as well as his brothers, his father rebuked him and said, "What is this dream you had? Will your mother and I and your brothers actually come and bow down to the ground before you?" His brothers were jealous of him, but his father kept the matter in mind. Now his brothers had gone to graze their father's flocks near Shechem, and Israel said to Joseph, "As you know, your

brothers are grazing the flocks near Shechem. Come, I am going to send you to them.” “Very well,” he replied. So he said to him, “Go and see if all is well with your brothers and with the flocks, and bring word back to me.” Then he sent him off from the Valley of Hebron. When Joseph arrived at Shechem, a man found him wandering around in the fields and asked him, “What are you looking for?” He replied, “I’m looking for my brothers. Can you tell me where they are grazing their flocks?” “They have moved on from here,” the man answered. “I heard them say, ‘Let’s go to Dothan.’” So Joseph went after his brothers and found them near Dothan. 18 But they saw him in the distance, and before he reached them, they plotted to kill him. “Here comes that dreamer!” they said to each other. “Come now, let’s kill him and throw him into one of these cisterns and say that a ferocious animal devoured him. Then we’ll see what comes of his dreams.” When Reuben heard this, he tried to rescue him from their hands. “Let’s not take his life,” he said. “Don’t shed any blood. Throw him into this cistern here in the wilderness, but don’t lay a hand on him.” Reuben said this to rescue him from them and take him back to his father. So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe the ornate robe he was wearing and they took him and threw him into the cistern. The cistern was empty; there was no water in it. As they sat down to eat their meal, they looked up and saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead. Their camels were loaded with spices, balm and myrrh, and they were on their way to take them down to Egypt. Judah said to his brothers, “What will we gain if we kill our brother and cover up his blood? Come, let’s sell him to the Ishmaelites and not lay our hands on him; after all, he is our brother, our own flesh and blood.” His brothers agreed. So when the Midianite merchants came by, his brothers pulled Joseph up out of the cistern and sold him for twenty shekels of silver to the Ishmaelites, who took him to Egypt.

THE GRADUAL HYMN #283 WE ARE GOD'S PEOPLE

1 We are God's people, the chosen of the Lord
Born of His spirit, established by his word;
Our cornerstone is Christ alone and strong in Him we stand:
O let us live transparently, and walk heart to heart and hand in hand

2 We are God's loved ones, the Bride of Christ our Lord
for we have known it, the love of God out-poured
Now let us learn how to return the gift of love once given
O let us share the joy and care, and live with a zeal that pleases heaven

3 We are the Body of which the Lord is the head
Called to obey Him now risen from the dead
He wills us to be family diverse yet truly one
O let us give gifts to God and so shall his work on earth be done

4 We are a temple, the Spirit's dwelling place
Formed in great weakness, a cup to hold God's grace
We die alone, for on its own each member loses fire
Yet joined in one the flame burns on to give warmth and light and to inspire

TE DEUM LAUDAMUS

We Praise You, O God

**We praise you, O God; we acclaim you as Lord; *
all creation worships you, the Father everlasting.
To you all angels, all the powers of heaven, *
the cherubim and seraphim, sing in endless praise:
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of power and might, *
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
The glorious company of apostles praise you. *
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you. *
Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you:
Father, of majesty unbounded,
your true and only Son, worthy of all praise, *
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.**

**You, Christ, are the king of glory, *
the eternal Son of the Father.
When you took our flesh to set us free *
you humbly chose the Virgin's womb.
You overcame the sting of death *
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
You are seated at God's right hand in glory. *
We believe that you will come to be our judge.
Come then, Lord, and help your people, *
bought with the price of your own blood,
and bring us with your saints *
to glory everlasting.**

**Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;*
govern and uphold them now and always.
Day by day we bless you; *
we praise your Name forever.
Keep us today, Lord, from all sin; *
have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.
Lord, show us your love and mercy, *
for we have put our trust in you.
In you, Lord, is our hope; *
let us never be put to shame.**

THE SECOND LESSON: MATTHEW 14: 22-33

Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone, and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it. Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear. But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid." "Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water." "Come," he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!"

Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. “You of little faith,” he said, “why did you doubt?” And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

THE THIRD HYMN #284 THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS BY OUR LOVE

1 We are one in the Spirit,
We are one in the Lord,
We are one in the spirit, we are one in the Lord,
And we pray that all unity may be restored

Refrain

*And they'll know we are christians
by our love, by our love
Yes they'll know we are christians by our love*

2 We will walk with each other,
we will walk hand in hand,
we will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
and together we'll spread the good news that God is our Lord

Refrain

3 We will work with each other,
we will work side by side,
We will work with each other we will work side by side,
and we'll guard each one's dignity and save one's pride

Refrain

4 All praise to the Father,
from whom all things come,
And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only son,
And all praise to the spirit who makes us one

Refrain

THE SERMON
DR. MICHAEL REIMER

REFLECTIVE MUSIC

The BENEDICTUS: LUKE 1:68-79
The Song of Zechariah

**Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *
he has come to his people and set them free.
He has raised up for us a mighty savior, *
born of the house of his servant David.
Through his holy prophets he promised of old
that he would save us from our enemies, *
from the hands of all who hate us.
He promised to show mercy to our fathers *
and to remember his holy covenant.
This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, *
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
Free to worship him without fear, *
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.
You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
To give his people knowledge of salvation *
by the forgiveness of their sins.
In the tender compassion of our God *
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
To shine on those who dwell in darkness
and in the shadow of death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.**

THE APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People **And with your spirit.**
Officiant Let us pray.

The People kneel or stand.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Officiant and People

**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.**

Officiant O Lord, show your mercy upon us;
People **And grant us your salvation.**

Officiant O Lord, guide those who govern us;
People **And lead us in the way of justice and truth.**

Officiant Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
People **And let your people sing with joy.**

Officiant O Lord, save your people;
People **And bless your inheritance.**

Officiant Give peace in our time, O Lord;
People **And defend us by your mighty power.**

Officiant Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
People **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

Officiant Create in us clean hearts, O God;
People **And take not your Holy Spirit from us.**

THE COLLECT For the Ninth Friday after Trinity

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Officiant may invite the People to offer intercessions and thanksgivings.

The Intercessory Prayers: The Prayers of the People

We pray for Stephanie Trammell.....

We pray for all our families, our communities, our churches, our countries so drastically affected by this virus.

For all those affected by the coronavirus and for all who are seeking a cure for this illness.

We pray for Kate and Gerry McCann and all parents of abducted children, Madeleine and all schoolgirls that were abducted in Nigeria by Boko Haram group: that they might come back home.

*In our parish cycle, this week we remember **Adel Shokrall, Arnold Mukone, Asif Olimpio, Bahy and Hanan Saad, Barbra Comar, Behoy Maydy and Bishoy Habib***

We pray for all those who are known to us alone.

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, for our Bishops, Mouneer and Samy, for Father Haynes and his family, for the Alexandria School of Theology and its students.

We pray for our ministry with children and young people.

We continue to pray for all those living in fear because of their devotion to Jesus Christ.

We pray for those in need of pastoral care and love. Those living in the boundaries of this parish, who do not yet know of our ministries. Those in need of our prayers, known to us, and those known only to God.

(if you have someone you would like to be placed on this prayer list, please let Pamela in the Parish office know. Names are taken off this list at the beginning of each month, unless asked to remain)

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Officiant and People

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the

redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; Through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

A PRAYER OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time, with one accord to make our common supplications to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will grant their requests: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

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.

2 CORINTHIANS 13:14

THE FINAL HYMN #267 COME THOU ALMIGHTY KING

1 Come, thou Almighty King,
help us thy name to sing,
help us to praise.
Father, all glorious,
o'er all victorious,
come and reign over us,
Ancient of Days.

2 Come, thou Incarnate Word,
gird on thy mighty sword,
scatter thy foes.
Let thine almighty aid
our sure defense be made,
our souls on thee be stayed;
thy wonders show.

3 Come, Holy Comforter,
thy sacred witness bear
in this glad hour.
Thou who almighty art,
now rule in ev'ry heart,
and ne'er from us depart,
Spirit of power.

4 To the great One in Three
eternal praises be,
hence evermore.
His sov'reign majesty
may we in glory see,
and to eternity
love and adore. Amen