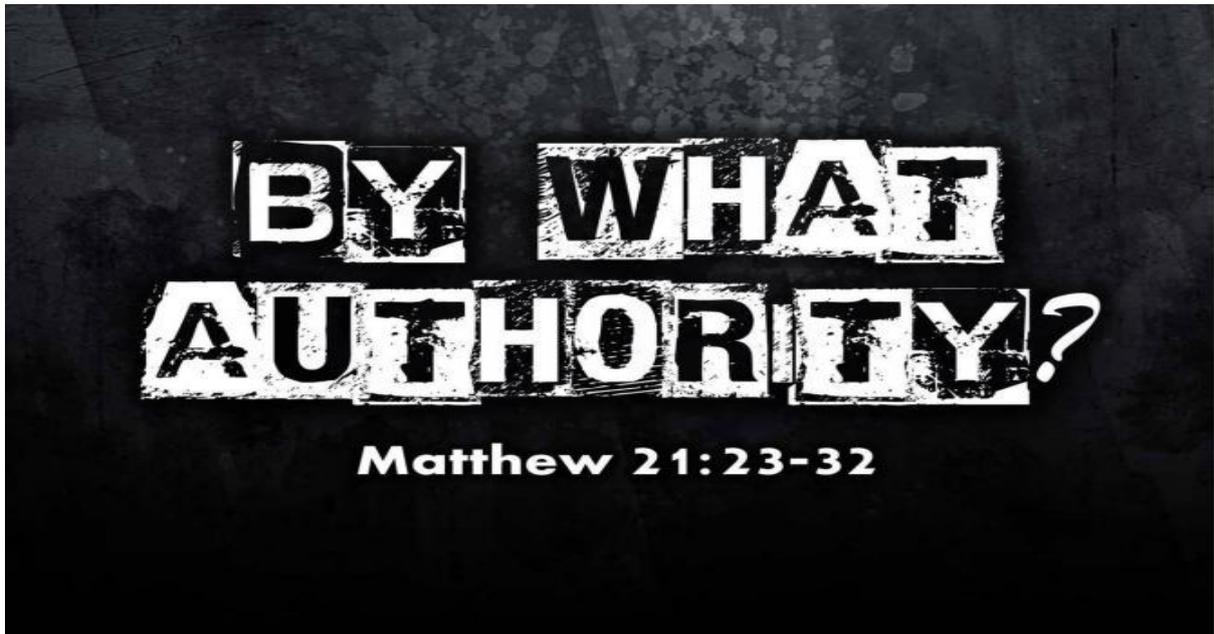


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*The Sixteenth Friday after Trinity*



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# *Holy Communion*

## **THE FIRST HYMN #9 PRAISE THE LORD YE HEAVEN**

1 Praise the Lord! ye heav'ns, adore him;  
Praise him angels, in the height;  
Sun and moon, rejoice before him;  
Praise him, all ye stars of light.  
Praise the Lord! for he has spoken;  
Worlds his mighty voice obeyed;  
Laws which never shall be broken  
For their guidance he has made.

2 Praise the Lord! for he is glorious;  
Never shall his promise fail;  
God has made his saints victorious;  
Sin and death shall not prevail.  
Praise the God of our salvation!  
Hosts on high his pow'r proclaim;  
Heav'n, and earth, and all creation,  
Laud and magnify his name.

3 Worship, honor, glory, blessing,  
Lord, we offer unto thee;  
Young and old, thy praise expressing,  
In glad homage bend the knee.  
All the saints in heav'n adore thee,  
We would bow before thy throne;  
As thine angels serve before thee,  
So, on earth thy will be done.

Blessed be God: Father, Son<sup>†</sup> and Holy Spirit.  
**And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

### **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**

*Let us pray:*

**The Collect for The Sixteenth Friday after Trinity**

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**The First Reading: Exodus 17:1-7**

The whole Israelite community set out from the Desert of Sin, traveling from place to place as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. So, they quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses replied, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you put the Lord to the test?" But the people were thirsty for water there, and they grumbled against Moses. They said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt to make us and our children and livestock die of thirst? Then Moses cried out to the Lord, "What am I to do with these people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord answered Moses, "Go out in front of the people. Take with you some of the elders of Israel and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will stand there before you by the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it for the people to drink." So, Moses did this in the sight of the elders of Israel. And he called the place Massah and Meribah because the Israelites quarreled and because they tested the Lord saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

### **Psalm 105:1-4, 12-16**

1 Hear my teaching, O my people; \*  
**incline your ears to the words of my mouth.**

2 I will open my mouth in a parable; \*  
**I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.**

3 That which we have heard and known,  
and what our forefathers have told us, \*  
**we will not hide from their children.**

4 We will recount to generations to come  
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord, \*  
**and the wonderful works he has done.**

12 He worked marvels in the sight of their forefathers, \*  
**in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.**

13 He split open the sea and let them pass through; \*  
**he made the waters stand up like walls.**

14 He led them with a cloud by day, \*  
**and all the night through with a glow of fire.**

15 He split the hard rocks in the wilderness \*  
**and gave them drink as from the great deep.**

16 He brought streams out of the cliff, \*  
**and the waters gushed out like rivers.**

### **The Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-13**

Therefore, if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross! Therefore, God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**THE GOSPEL HYMN #177 WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS**

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

1 What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,  
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,  
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

2 When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,  
when I was sinking down, sinking down;  
when I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,  
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,  
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul!

**The Holy Gospel: St. Matthew 21:23-32 Glory to you, Lord Christ**

Jesus entered the temple courts, and, while he was teaching, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him. “By what authority are you doing these things?” they asked. “And who gave you this authority?” Jesus replied, “I will also ask you one question. If you answer me, I will tell you by what authority I am doing these things. John’s baptism—where did it come from? Was it from heaven, or of human origin?” They discussed it among themselves and said, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will ask, ‘Then why didn’t you believe him?’ But if we say, ‘Of human origin’—we are afraid of the people, for they all hold that John was a prophet.” So, they answered Jesus, “We don’t know.” Then he said, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. “What do you think? There was a man who had two sons. He went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work today in the vineyard.’ “‘I will not,’ he answered, but later he changed his mind and went. “Then the father went to the other son and said the same thing. He answered, ‘I will, sir,’ but he did not go. “Which of the two did what his father wanted?” “The first,” they answered. Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you; the tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you to show you the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes did. And even after you saw this, you did not repent and believe him.

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, Lord Christ**

**THE GOSPEL HYMN #177 WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS**

3 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,  
to God and to the Lamb, I will sing;  
to God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM,  
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,  
while millions join the theme, I will sing!

4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;  
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,  
and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
and through eternity I'll sing on!

**The Sermon** -Fr. Haynes Hubbard

**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<sup>†</sup>, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### **The Intercessory Prayers: The Prayers of the People**

*We pray for Stephanie Trammell, William Bosies, Pat Hamza and all who are in need of God's healing touch.*

*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 **Lela Pumphrey, Lientjiel le Roux, Liz Runhanga, Maaike Albers, Maggie Winham and Maria Zaki** .*

*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.*

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

### The Confession

And now, let us confess our sins against God and against our neighbour.

**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 neighbours 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.**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with heartfelt repentance and true faith turn to him: have mercy on you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins†, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**And also, with you.**

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

**THE OFFERTORY HYMN #56 DAY BY DAY**

1 Day by day and with each passing moment,  
strength I find to meet my trials here;  
trusting in my Father's wise bestowment,  
I've no cause for worry or for fear.  
He whose heart is kind beyond all measure  
gives unto each day what he deems best--  
lovingly, it's part of pain and pleasure,  
mingling toil with peace and rest.

2 Ev'ry day the Lord himself is near me  
with a special mercy for each hour;  
all my cares he fain would bear, and cheer me,  
he whose name is Counselor and Pow'r.  
The protection of his child and treasure  
is a charge that on himself he laid;  
"As your days, your strength shall be in measure,"  
this the pledge to me he made.

3 Help me then in ev'ry tribulation  
so, to trust your promises, O Lord,  
that I lose not faith's sweet consolation  
offered me within your holy Word.  
Help me, Lord, when toil and trouble meeting,  
e'er to take, as from a father's hand,  
one by one, the days, the moments fleeting,  
'til I reach the promised land.

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 indeed right and good, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

And so, with angels and archangels and all the heavenly host we proclaim your glory and join in their unending hymn of praise:

**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.**

**B**lessing and glory and thanksgiving be unto you Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of your tender mercy gave your only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, self-offering and full satisfaction for the sins of the whole world; and did institute and his holy Gospels command us to continue, a perpetual memorial of that his precious death, until his coming again.

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly ask you; and grant that we receiving these your creatures of bread and wine, according to your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took Bread; and, when he had given thanks, he broke it; and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me. Likewise, after supper he took the Cup; and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink all, of this; for this is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: Do this, as often as you shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

**Wherefore, O Lord of heaven and earth, we your humble servants, with all your holy Church, remembering the precious death of your beloved Son, his mighty resurrection, and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again in glory, do make before you, in this sacrament of the Holy Bread of eternal life and the Cup of everlasting salvation, the memorial which he has commanded; And we entirely desire your fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, most humbly asking you to grant, that by the merits and death of your Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all your whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion; And we pray that by the power of your Holy Spirit, all we who are partakers of this holy Communion may be fulfilled with your grace and heavenly benediction; through Jesus Christ our**

**Lord, by whom and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto you, O Father Almighty, world without end.**

**Amen.**

A moment of silence....

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.**

**O Lamb of God, who takest away the sin of the world: Have mercy upon us  
(repeat).**

**O Lamb of God, who takest away the sin of the world: Grant us thy peace.  
*Holy Communion***

during Communion: **MEDITATIVE MUSIC**

The Post-Communion Prayer

**ALMIGHTY and ever-living God we thank you for feeding us with the Spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Saviour 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 love and serve You as a faithful witness of Christ our Lord. To Him, You, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and forever. Amen.**

**The Final Blessing**

May our Father, who has through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ given us the victory, give you joy and peace in your faith, and the courage and desire to share that joy with others. And may the peace of God, which passes all understanding, be upon you, and the blessing of God, †the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost be upon you and all those for whom you have prayed, both this day and always. **Amen**

**THE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE RECESSIONAL HYMN #481 STAND UP STAND UP FOR JESUS**

1 Stand up, stand up for Jesus  
ye soldiers of the cross;  
lift high his royal banner,  
it must not suffer loss:  
from vict'ry unto vict'ry  
his army he shall lead,  
'til ev'ry foe is vanquished,  
and Christ is Lord indeed.

2 Stand up, stand up for Jesus,  
the trumpet call obey;  
forth to the mighty conflict  
in this his glorious day:  
ye that are men now serve him  
against unnumbered foes;  
let courage rise with danger,  
and strength to strength oppose.

3 Stand up, stand up for Jesus,  
stand in his strength alone;  
the arm of flesh will fail you,  
ye dare not trust your own:  
put on the gospel armor,  
each piece put on with pray'r;  
where duty calls, or danger,  
be never wanting there.

4 Stand up, stand up for Jesus,  
the strife will not be long;  
this day the noise of battle,  
the next the victor's song:  
to him that overcometh  
a crown of life shall be;  
he with the King of glory  
shall reign eternally.

**The Dismissal**

Go in peace to love and serve the Triune Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**



**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 25th 2020*

**Today, Friday 25th September** - Today is the Sixteenth Friday after Trinity

Bless you in this time of crisis.

**A Virtual Coffee Hour will follow the service, beginning at 11:30 am Cairo Time.** If you would like to join us follow this link:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/73505535985?pwd=ak1IZWwyWmllODQyNC9ubVIyeEY4dz09>

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 Fr. Haynes ([fr.hqhubbard@gmail.com](mailto:fr.hqhubbard@gmail.com)), Pamela Doroh ([stjohnscairo@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnscairo@gmail.com)) or Joyce Lee ([sylee8869@yahoo.com](mailto: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 (beginning this Monday 8 June) 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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82127439457?pwd=VTFodm1xcFZKaWJUWEJvcW4vOU1lUT09>

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

Please know how St. John's is dependent upon you and your offering and tithes 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
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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.

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