

The Church of St. John the Baptist,

Ma'adi, Cairo

*The Episcopal/Anglican Diocese of Egypt
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Second Friday after Epiphany



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 #74 MAJESTY

Majesty, worship His Majesty
Unto Jesus be all glory, honor and praise.
Majesty kingdom authority flow,
from His throne unto His own
His anthem raise.

So Exalt, lift up on High name of Jesus
magnify, come glorify Jesus Christ, the King.
Majesty, worship His Majesty;
Jesus who died, now glorified,
King of all Kings

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 the light of the world has come to dispel the darkness of our hearts, in his light let us examine our lives and confess our sins.

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 Second Friday of Epiphany

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The First Reading: I Samuel 3:1-10

The boy Samuel ministered before the Lord under Eli. In those days the word of the Lord was rare; there were not many visions. One night Eli, whose eyes were becoming so weak that he could barely see, was lying down in his usual place. The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the house of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called Samuel. Samuel answered, "Here I am." And he ran to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." But Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down." So he went and lay down. Again the Lord called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." "My son," Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down." Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord: The word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. A third time the Lord called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." Then Eli realized that the Lord was calling the boy. So Eli told Samuel, "Go and lie down, and if he calls you, say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. The Lord came and stood there, calling as at the other

times, “Samuel! Samuel!” Then Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant is listening.”

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm 139:1-5; 12-18

- 1 Lord, you have searched me out and known me; *
**you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.**
- 2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places *
and are acquainted with all my ways.
- 3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, *
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.
- 4 You press upon me behind and before *
and lay your hand upon me.
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; *
It is so high that I cannot attain it.
- 12 For you yourself created my inmost parts; *
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
- 13 I will thank you because I am marvelously made; *
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.
- 14 My body was not hidden from you, *
**while I was being made in secret
and woven in the depths of the earth.**
- 15 Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;
all of them were written in your book; *
**they were fashioned day by day,
when as yet there was none of them.**
- 16 How deep I find your thoughts, O God! *
how great is the sum of them!
- 17 If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; *
to count them all, my lifespan would need to be like yours.
- 18 Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand*
when I awake, I am still with you.

**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: Revelation 5:1-10

Then I saw in the right hand of him who sat on the throne a scroll with writing on both sides and sealed with seven seals. And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming in a loud voice, "Who is worthy to break the seals and open the scroll?" But no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth could open the scroll or even look inside it. I wept and wept because no one was found who was worthy to open the scroll or look inside. Then one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed. He is able to open the scroll and its seven seals." Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing at the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. The Lamb had seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. He went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who sat on the throne. And when he had taken it, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp and they were holding golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of God's people. And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased for God persons from every tribe and language and people and nation. You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth."

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

THE GOSPEL HYMN #404 THE SOLID ROCK

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

1 My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain:

*On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand,
all other ground is sinking sand.*

2 In ev'ry rough and stormy gale,
my anchor holds within the vale.
When all around my soul gives way,
he then is all my hope and stay. **[Refrain]**

The Holy Gospel: St. John 1:43-51

Glory to you, Lord Christ

The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, "Follow me." Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida. Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." "Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?" Nathanael asked. "Come and see," said Philip. When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, "Here truly is an Israelite in whom there is no deceit." "How do you know me?" Nathanael asked. Jesus answered, "I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you." Then Nathanael declared, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the king of Israel." Jesus said, "You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig tree. You will see greater things than that." He then added, "Very truly I tell you, you will see 'heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.'"

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Christ

THE GOSPEL HYMN #404 JESUS LOVER OF MY SOUL

3 Not earth, nor hell, my soul can move;
I rest upon unchanging love.
I trust his righteous character,
his counsel, promise, and his pow'r.

Refrain:

*On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand,
all other ground is sinking sand.*

4 When he shall come with trumpet sound,
oh, may I then in him be found,
dressed in his righteousness alone,
faultless to stand before the throne. **[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 **Aughustinos Samaan, Bahy and Hanah Saad, Barbra Comar, Basem Lotfy, Ben Myers, Beshoy Magdy, Brenda McLellan and Brooke Comer***

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

Peace to you from God our Heavenly Father:
Peace to you from Jesus Christ who is our peace.
Peace to you from the Holy Spirit, the life-giver
The peace of the triune God 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)

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

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

May the Father, who has loved the eternal Son from before the foundation of the world, shed that love upon you his children. **Amen.**

May Christ, who by his incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with joy and peace. **Amen.**

May the Holy Spirit, by whose overshadowing Mary became the God-bearer, give you grace to carry the good news of Christ. **Amen.**

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

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE RECESSIONAL HYMN #517 I'D RATHER HAVE JESUS

1 I'd rather have Jesus than silver or gold;
I'd rather be His than have riches untold;
I'd rather have Jesus than houses or lands.
I'd rather be led by His nail-pierced hand

Refrain:

Than to be the king of a vast domain
Or be held in sin's dread sway.
I'd rather have Jesus than anything
This world affords today.

2 I'd rather have Jesus than men's applause;
I'd rather be faithful to His dear cause;
I'd rather have Jesus than worldwide fame.
I'd rather be true to His holy name ***[Refrain]***

3 He's fairer than lilies of rarest bloom;
He's sweeter than honey from out the comb;
He's all that my hungering spirit needs.
I'd rather have Jesus and let Him lead ***{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, January 15th 2021

Today, Friday 15th January - Today is the Second Friday after Epiphany.

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.

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