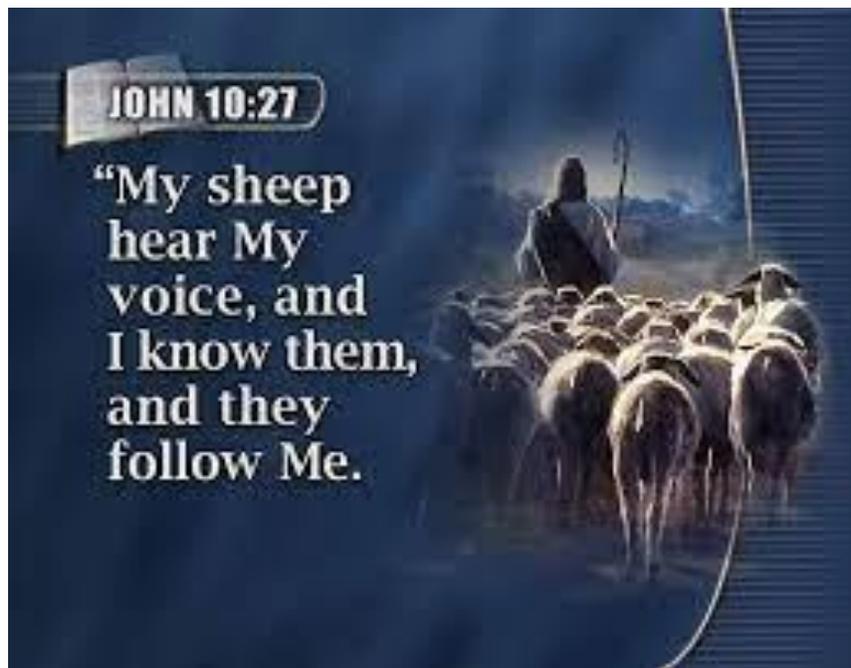


# *The Church of St. John the Baptist, Ma'adi, Cairo*

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

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*The Fourth Friday of Easter*



**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 #101 HIS NAME IS WONDERFUL**

His name is wonderful  
His name is wonderful  
His name is wonderful

Jesus my Lord.  
He is the mighty King  
Master of everything  
His name is wonderful  
Jesus my Lord.  
He's the Great Shepherd

The Rock of all ages  
Almighty God is He  
Bow down before Him  
Love and adore Him  
His name is wonderful  
Jesus my Lord.

### **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 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 The Fourth Sunday of Easter**

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we  
hear his voice, we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he  
leads, who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and  
ever. **Amen.**

**The First Reading: Acts 9: 36-43**

In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (in Greek her name is Dorcas); she was  
always doing good and helping the poor. About that time, she became sick and died,  
and her body was washed and placed in an upstairs room. Lydda was near Joppa; so,  
when the disciples heard that Peter was in Lydda, they sent two men to him and  
urged him, "Please come at once!" Peter went with them, and when he arrived, he  
was taken upstairs to the room. All the widows stood around him, crying and

showing him the robes and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was still with them. Peter sent them all out of the room; then he got down on his knees and prayed. Turning toward the dead woman, he said, “Tabitha, get up.” She opened her eyes and seeing Peter she sat up. He took her by the hand and helped her to her feet. Then he called for the believers, especially the widows, and presented her to them alive. This became known all over Joppa, and many people believed in the Lord. Peter stayed in Joppa for some time with a tanner named Simon.

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**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 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; \*

**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 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: Rev 7:9-17**

After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice: “Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.” All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying: “Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!” Then one of the elders asked me, “These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?” I answered, “Sir, you know.” And he said,

“These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore, “they are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. ‘Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat down on them,’ nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; ‘he will lead them to springs of living water.’ ‘And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.’”

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**THE GOSPEL HYMN #88 FAIREST LORD JESUS**

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

1 Fairest Lord Jesus,  
Ruler of all nature,  
O Thou of God and man the Son:  
Thee will I cherish,  
Thee will I honor,  
Thou my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

2 Fair are the meadows,  
Fairer still the woodlands,  
Robed in the blooming garb of spring:  
Jesus is fairer,  
Jesus is purer,  
Who makes the woeful heart to sing.

**The Holy Gospel: St. John 10:22-30**

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 John.

**Glory to you, Lord Christ**

Then came the Festival of Dedication at Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was in the temple courts walking in Solomon’s Colonnade. The Jews who were there

gathered around him, saying, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.” Jesus answered, “I did tell you, but you do not believe. The works I do in my Father’s name testify about me, but you do not believe because you are not my sheep. My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father’s hand. 30 I and the Father are one.”

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, Lord Christ**

**THE GOSPEL HYMN #88 FAIREST LORD JESUS**

3 Fair is the sunshine,  
Fairer still the moonlight,  
And all the twinkling starry host:  
Jesus shines brighter,  
Jesus shines purer  
Than all the angels heaven can boast.

4 Beautiful Savior!  
Lord of the nations!  
Son of God and Son of man!  
Glory and honor,  
Praise, adoration,  
Now and forevermore be Thine!

**The Sermon -Mike Remeir**

**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 Mary Macha, Mary Moussa, Mary Obudo, Matthew Sparks, Melissa, Emeka, Corban and Zephaniah Onyia Onyia, Michael and Marty Reimer and Michel Samir*

*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 #66 TO GOD BE THE GLORY**

1 To God be the glory - great things He hath done!  
So loved He the world that he gave us His Son,  
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin  
And opened the Life-gate that all may go in.

**Refrain:**

*Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord,  
Let the earth hear His voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
Let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son,  
And give Him the glory - great things He hath done!*  
2 O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!  
To ev'ry believer the promise of God;  
The vilest offender who truly believes,  
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

***Refrain***

*Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord,  
Let the earth hear His voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
Let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son,  
And give Him the glory - great things He hath done!*

3 Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,  
And great our rejoicing thru Jesus the Son;  
But purer and higher and greater will be  
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

***Refrain***

*Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord,  
Let the earth hear His voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
Let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son,  
And give Him the glory - great things He hath done!*

The Offering of the Collection

**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.**

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**

Lord God our Father,  
through our Saviour Jesus Christ  
you have assured your children of eternal life  
and in baptism have made us one with him:  
deliver us from the death of sin  
and raise us to new life in your love,  
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. **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**

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

Email: [stjohnscairo@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnscairo@gmail.com)

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.

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

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**THE RECESSIONAL HYMN #244 THE TREES OF THE FIELD**

You shall go out with joy  
And be let forth with peace,  
The mountains and the hills  
Will break forth before you.

There'll be shouts of joy  
And the trees of the fields  
Will clap, will clap their hands.

And the trees of the fields will clap their hands,  
And the trees of the fields will clap their hands,  
And the trees of the fields will clap their hands,  
While you go out with joy.

**The Dismissal**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen!**

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## WE NEED YOUR HELP

Our giving at St. John's has been significantly down since the Covid-19 pandemic, and we need your help.

But, let us give not out of a spirit of fear, but of worship.

We offer our gifts, though, at any time, even those of surplus. God takes our lives, represented by the bread, wine, and our labors laid on the altar, are transformed by God to look more like Himself. By His grace, we are made to participate in the Spirit's on-going life and work. Alleluia!

*"And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work"*  
(2 Cor. 9:8).

### Calling All Readers and Prayers:

If you would like to help with the readings or prayers each week, we would love to include you in our worship. If the is you contact:

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Thank you !!!

**"The Lord bless you and keep you;  
the Lord make his face shine on you  
and be gracious to you;  
the Lord turn his face toward you  
and give you peace." - Numbers 6:24-26**

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