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 #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,
Our prayer attend!
Come, and Thy people bless,
And give Thy Word success:
Spirit of holiness,
On us descend.

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 pow'r.

4 To Thee, great One in Three,
Eternal praises be,
Hence evermore;
Thy sov'reign majesty
May we in glory see,
And to eternity
Love and adore.

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 Trinity Friday
Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The First Reading: Proverbs 8-1-4, 22-31

Does not wisdom call out? Does not understanding raise her voice? At the highest point along the way, where the paths meet, she takes her stand; beside the gate leading into the city, at the entrance, she cries aloud: “To you, O people, I call out; I raise my voice to all mankind. “The Lord brought me forth as the first of his works, before his deeds of old; I was formed long ages ago, at the very beginning, when the world came to be. When there were no watery depths, I was given birth, when there were no springs overflowing with water; before the mountains were settled in place, before the hills, I was given birth, before he made the world or its fields or any of the dust of the earth. I was there when he set the heavens in place, when he marked out the horizon on the face of the deep, when he established the clouds above and fixed securely the fountains of the deep, when he gave the sea its boundary so the waters would not overstep his command, and when he marked out the foundations of the earth. Then I was constantly at his side. I was filled with delight day after day, rejoicing always in his presence, rejoicing in his whole world and delighting in mankind.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm 8

1 O Lord our Governor, *
how exalted is your Name in all the world!
2 Out of the mouths of infants and children *
your majesty is praised above the heavens.
3 You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, *
to quell the enemy and the avenger.
4 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, *
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
5 What is man that you should be mindful of him? *
the son of man that you should seek him out?
6 You have made him but little lower than the angels; *
you adorn him with glory and honor;
7 You give him mastery over the works of your hands; *
   you put all things under his feet:
8 All sheep and oxen, *
   even the wild beasts of the field,
9 The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, *
   and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.
10 O Lord our Governor, *
   how exalted is your Name in all the world!

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: Romans 5:1-5
Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God
through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into
this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. Not
only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces
perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put
us to shame, because God’s love has been poured out into our hearts through the
Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

THE GOSPEL HYMN #262 HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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

1 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
   Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
   Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
   God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

2 Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore Thee,
   Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
   Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
   Which wert and art and evermore shalt be.
The Holy Gospel: St. John 16:12-15

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

“I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you.”

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Christ

THE GOSPEL HYMN #262 HOLY, HOLY, HOLY
3 Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide Thee,
   Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see;
   Only Thou art holy - there is none beside Thee,
       Perfect in pow'r, in love and purity.

4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
   All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea;
   Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
   God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

The Sermon - Fr. Joel Peterson

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. In our parish let’s join in prayer and pray for Paul Mansley.
We pray for all our families, our communities, our churches, our countries and the world.

In our parish cycle, this week we remember Saber Krupa, Salah Alibaba bata, Sally Sampson, Sandra Odeo, Sara Wissa, Selene Cordova, Shahira Elkatsha, Rev. Sharon, and John Chalcraft
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 #505 LOVE LIFTED ME**

1 I was sinking deep in sin,  
   Far from the peaceful shore,  
   Very deeply stained within,  
   Sinking to rise no more;  
   But the Master of the sea  
   Heard my despairing cry,  
   From the waters lifted me,  
   Now safe am I.  

**Refrain:**  
*Love lifted me! Love lifted me!  
When nothing else could help,  
Love lifted me!  
Love lifted me! Love lifted me!  
When nothing else could help,  
Love lifted me!*

2 All my heart to Him I give,  
   Ever to Him I'll cling,  
   In His blessed presence live,  
   Ever His praises sing;  
   Love so mighty and so true,  
   Merits my soul's best songs;  
   Faithful loving service, too,  
   To Him belongs.  

**Refrain:**  
*Love lifted me! Love lifted me!  
When nothing else could help,  
Love lifted me!  
Love lifted me! Love lifted me!  
When nothing else could help,  
Love lifted me!*
3 Souls in danger, look above;
   Jesus completely saves;
He will lift you by His love
   Out of the angry waves;
He's the Master of the sea,
   Billows His will obey;
He your Savior wants to be,
   Be saved today.

   
Refrain:
Love lifted me! Love lifted me!
When nothing else could help,
   Love lifted me!
Love lifted me! Love lifted me!
When nothing else could help,
   Love lifted me!

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
God our Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life:
may we thirst for you,
the spring of life and source of goodness,
through him who is alive and reigns, now and forever. **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

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 #553 SWEET BY AND BY**

1 There's a land that is fairer than day,
   And by faith we can see it afar,
   For the Father waits over the way
   To prepare us a dwelling place there.
Refrain:
In the sweet by and by,
We shall meet on that beautiful shore;
In the sweet by and by,
We shall meet on that beautiful shore.

2 We shall sing on that beautiful shore
The melodious songs of the blest;
And our spirits shall sorrow no more -
Not a sigh for the blessing of rest.

Refrain:
In the sweet by and by,
We shall meet on that beautiful shore;
In the sweet by and by,
We shall meet on that beautiful shore.

3 To our bountiful Father above,
We will offer our tribute of praise,
For the glorious gift of His love
And the blessings that hallow our days.

Refrain:
In the sweet by and by,
We shall meet on that beautiful shore;
In the sweet by and by,
We shall meet on that beautiful shore.

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