

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 16, 2023, 10:00 a.m.

Processional Hymn: B #447

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you. May we find peace in your service, and in the world to come, see you face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading: Genesis 25:19-34

These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddanaram, sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac prayed to the Lord for his wife, because she was barren; and the Lord granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. The children struggled

together within her; and she said, "If it is to be this way, why do I live?" So she went to inquire of the Lord. And the Lord said to her, "Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples born of you shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other, the elder shall serve the younger." When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. Afterward his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them. When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob. Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!" (Therefore he was called Edom.) Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright." Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?" Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and

rose and went his way. Thus Esau
despised his birthright.

Hymn – Ancient Words

Holy words long preserved,
For our walk in this world;
They resound with God's own heart,
O, let the ancient words impart;
Words of life, words of hope,
Give us strength, help us cope;
In this world where 'er we roam,
Ancient words will guide us home.

Chorus

**Ancient words, ever true,
Changing me, and changing you;
We have come with open hearts,
O let the ancient words impart.**

Holy words of our faith,
Handed down to this age,
Came to us through sacrifice.
O, heed the faithful words of Christ;
Holy words long preserved,
for our walk in this world;

They resound with God's own heart;
O let the ancient words impart.

Chorus

Second Reading: Romans 8:1-11

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit,

since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Gradual Hymn: B #478 vs. 1 & 2 before the gospel, vs. 3 & 4 after the gospel

Gospel Reading: Mt 13:1-9, 18-23

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the

thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen! Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

Offertory Hymn: B #502

Prayer over the Gifts

Father, your word creates in us a yearning for your kingdom. Receive all we offer you this day, and keep us in your peace; for the sake of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

**Communion Hymns: R #16,
#22, #45**

After Communion: B #649

Prayer after Communion

Living God, in this sacrament we have shared in your eternal kingdom. May we who taste this mystery forever serve you in faith, hope, and love. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

Amen.

Recessional Hymn: B #345

SERMON NOTES:

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ANNOUNCEMENTS for July 16, MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY: MON 7:15PM

A year long journey using Following the Call: Living the Sermon on the Mount Together to explore Jesus' teachings.

Bible Study is taking a break for the summer and will reconvene on September 11 at 7:15 p.m. We will be discussing Chapter 38, "Deliver Us".

PINT & A PASSAGE: TUES 7PM

Join the conversation about the Gospel for the upcoming Sunday at Rob Roy's. Bring your Bible and an open mind.

ONLINE FORM FOR ACCESSIBILITY PRIORITIES



Thanks to Laura Porter, an online form listing identified accessibility concerns at St. John's has been posted. Please take

time to review the document and vote for those items of greatest interest to you. Please access our website at www.stjohn-smithsfalls.com. Or, please use the QR code.

Accessibility Survey

Our Church's Accessibility Committee has asked folks to please complete the Accessibility Survey, if you haven't

already done so. There is an online version (see announcement above), and the hard copy is available for pick up at the rear and North entrances. Please return them by July 23, 2023. Thank you very much!

What is Cursillo?

Cursillo is a short retreat which helps our spiritual growth with God. The weekend, from Friday at noon to Sunday afternoon, includes inspiring talks, wonderful music and concentrated prayer time – all around a chosen theme for the weekend. There are several cursillistas (folks whom have attended a Cursillo weekend) right here at St. John's. The weekend helped us grow stronger in our relationship with our Lord. So, this September 22 – 24, 2023, there will be a Women's Cursillo Weekend held at Galilee Centre in Arnprior. If you might be interested or have any questions at all, please contact Trish Warren (613) 206-1405 or Kathy Porter (613) 283-7605.

Memorial Service

A Memorial Service for Jeannine Adam will be held at St. James Anglican Church, Carleton Place at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 22, 2023. A Reception will follow in the Church hall.

For today's service:

Presiding Celebrant: Rev. Canon Jim Roberts

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Thomas Brauer

Reader & Intercessor: Dawn Dunlop

Communion Assistants: Kevin Lewis, Chris Silvermoon-Cutler

Greeters: Kathy Porter & Carol McNabb

Readings for next Sunday, July 23, 2023:

Gen 28:10-19; Ps 139:1-11, 22-23; Rom 8:12-25; Mt 13:24-30, 36-43

Kathryn Rycroft – Parish Secretary

Office Hours: Monday – Friday 9 a.m. - 12 noon

Weekly Liturgies

Holy Eucharist – Sundays 8 a.m. & 10 a.m.* – Wednesdays 10 a.m.

**Sunday School offered at 10 a.m. from September – June*

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