Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 3, 2023, 10:00 a.m.

Processional Hymn: B #434

Collect of the Day

Author and Giver of all good things, graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us in all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading: Exodus 3:1-15

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord

saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this

mountain." But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations."

Psalm 105

Tune: St. Flavian

Give thanks to God, make known his Name,

His deeds, to everyone;

Sing praise, sing praise to him and tell
The wonders he has done.

Rejoice in him, all hearts that seek

To know his Name and grace;

Search for the Lord and all his strength,

And ever seek his face.

Recall the marvels God has done,

The judgments of his mouth,

O Abraham's children, Jacob's heirs,

Whom he has chosen out.

The Lord is God, throughout the world
His righteous laws prevail;
His covenant and promises
He keeps and will not fail.

Second Reading: Romans 12:9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but

leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Gradual Hymn: B #430, vs. 1, 2 & 3 before the Gospel, v. 4 & 5 after the Gospel

Gospel Reading: Mt 16:21-28

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

Offertory Hymn: B #61

Prayer over the Gifts

Merciful God, receive all we offer you this day. Give us grace to love one another that your love may be made perfect in us. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Communion Hymns: R#44,

#71 **&** #79

After Communion: B #74

Prayer after Communion

Almighty God, you renew us at your table with the bread of life. May your holy food strengthen us in love and help us to serve you in each other. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn: B #431

SERMON NOTES:									
									

ANNOUNCEMENTS for Sept. 3, 2023

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 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.

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 the 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.

ALZHEIMER INFORMATION SESSION

Wednesday, September 13, 2023 from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Guest speaker will be Robin Hull, Education Coordinator for the Alzheimer Society of Lanark, Leeds and Grenville. Sponsored by St. John's Pastoral Care Team. Please call the Church office (613) 283-1261 or Kathy Porter (613) 283-7605 to register. Please register by Monday, September 11, 2023.

REV. CANON JIM ROBERTS

Will be away until September 16, 2023.

For today's service:

Presiding Celebrant & Preacher: Rev. Dr. Thomas Brauer Reader & Intercessor: Nancy Fleming Communion Assistants: Kevin Lewis & Brenda Ferguson

Greeters: Linda Coleman & Gail Brennan

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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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