

Sixteenth Sunday

after Pentecost

September 17, 2023, 10:00 a.m.

Processional Hymn: B #378

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you call your Church to witness that in Christ we are reconciled to you. Help us so to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may turn to you; 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 14:19-31

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night. Then Moses stretched out his hand over

the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt." Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. Thus the

Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

Psalm 114

Tune: Puer Novis

When Israel came, and Judah's house,
From Egypt's alien speech and ways,
Israel was his dominion then, Judah
became his holy place.

The sea beheld these things and fled,
Jordan turned back, its bed was dry;
The lofty mountains skipped like rams,
The little hills like lambs leaped high.

What ailed you, sea, that thus you fled?
Mountains, what made you skip like
rams?
Jordan, what was it turned you back?
You hills, why did you leap like lambs?

Now tremble at his presence, earth:
The God of Jacob, God alone;
Who turned hard rock into a pool,
Brought flowing streams from hard
flintstone.

Second Reading: Romans 14:1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass

judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

**Gradual Hymn: B #616, vs. 1 & 2
before the Gospel, v. 3 & 4 after
the Gospel**

Gospel Reading: Mt 18:21-35

Then Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me,

and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

Offertory Hymn: B #536

Prayer over the Gifts

Holy God, accept all we offer you this day. May we who are reconciled at this table bring wholeness to our broken world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

Communion Hymns: Beginnings

Amazing Love

I'm forgiven because you were forsaken.
I'm accepted, You were condemned.
I'm alive and well, Your spirit is within
me because you died and rose again.
(x2)

Amazing love, how can it be, that You,
my King, would die for me? Amazing
love, I know it's true. It's my joy to
honour You. In all I do, to honour You.

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joy to honour you. In all I do, to honour
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Living Hope

How great the chasm that lay between
us; how high the mountain I could not
climb. In desperation I turned to
heaven, and spoke Your name into the
night. Then through the darkness Your
loving kindness, tore through the
shadows of my soul. The work is
finished, the end is written, Jesus Christ
my Living Hope.

Who could imagine so great a mercy?
What heart could fathom such
boundless grace? The God of ages
stepped down from glory, to wear my
sin and bear my shame. The cross has
spoken, I am forgiven. The King of Kings
call me His own. Beautiful Saviour, I'm
Yours forever. Jesus Christ my Living
Hope.

Hallelujah, praise the One who set me
free. Hallelujah, death has lost its grip
on me. You have broken every chain.
There's salvation in Your name. Jesus
Christ my Living Hope.

Then came the morning that sealed the
promise. Your buried body began to
breathe. Out of the silence, the roaring
lion, declared the grave has no claim on
me. Jesus, Yours is the victory.

Hallelujah, praise the One who set me
free. Hallelujah, death has lost its grip
on me. You have broken every chain.

There's salvation in Your name. Jesus
Christ my Living Hope. (x 2)

10,000 Reasons

Bless the Lord, Oh my soul worship, Oh
my soul, worship his holy name. Sing
like never before, O my soul, I'll worship
your holy name.

The sun comes up, it's a new day
dawning. It's time to sing your song
again. Whatever may pass and
whatever lies before me, let me be
singing when the evening comes.

Bless the Lord, Oh my soul, Oh my soul,
worship his holy name. Sing like never
before, Oh my soul, I'll worship Your
holy name.

You're rich in love and You're slow to
anger. Your name is great and Your
heart is kind. For all Your goodness, I
will keep on singing ten thousand
reasons for my heart to find.

Bless the Lord, Oh my soul, Oh my soul,
worship His holy Name. Sing like never
before, Oh my soul, I'll worship Your
Holy Name.

And on that day when my strength is
failing. The end draws near and my
time has come. Still my soul will sing
Your praise unending, ten thousand
years and then forevermore.

Bless the Lord, Oh my soul, Oh my soul,
worship His holy name. Sing like never
before, Oh my soul, I'll worship Your
holy name.

Bless the Lord, Oh my soul, Oh my soul,
worship His holy name. Sing like never
before, Oh my soul, I'll worship Your
holy name. Yes, I'll worship Your holy
name. Lord, I'll worship Your holy
name.

After Communion:

The Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you. Make
his face shine upon you and be gracious
to you. The Lord turn His face toward
you and give you peace.

A-men A-men A-men

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May his favour be upon you, and a
thousand generations; And your family
and your children; And their children

and their children. May His presence go before you, and behind you and beside you. All around you and within you, He is with you, He is with you. In the morning, in the evening, in your coming and your going. In your weeping and rejoicing, He is for you.

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Prayer after Communion

God of peace, in this eucharist we have been reconciled to you and to our neighbours. May we who have been nourished by holy things always have the courage to forgive. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

Amen.

Recessional Hymn: B #565

ANNOUNCEMENTS for Sept. 17, 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.

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 Arncliffe. If you might be interested or have any questions at all, please contact

Trish Warren (613) 206-1405 or Kathy Porter (613) 283-7605.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School starts today! Families will be asked to complete an information sheet (one per family) providing contact information and other particulars.

Donations of small toys, books and activities (gently used is great) are welcome, in particular for 2-4 year olds.

Contact Emily at

emduberville@hotmail.com or on the Sunday School Facebook page. Any high school aged students looking for volunteer hours are welcome to submit a letter requesting hours to Emily or the Church office.

CHOIR

Anyone interested in joining our choir, please contact Sterling Bennett at (613) 283-7833 or (613) 285-4263.

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: Beryl Young & Carl Young

Readings for next Sunday, September 24, 2023:

Ex 16:2-15; Ps 105 :1-6, 37-45; Phil 1:21-30 ; Mt 20:1-16

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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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