

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Processional Hymn: B #330

Collect of the Day

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people, that richly bearing the fruit of good works, we may by you be richly rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

First Reading: Exodus 12:1-14

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbour in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the

number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgements: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall

celebrate it as a festival to the Lord;
throughout your generations you shall
observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

Psalm 149

Tune: Duke Street

Hallelujah! Sing praise to God,
Among the faithful let praise ring;
Let Israel, Zion's children too,
Rejoice in their Creator King.

In dances praise his Name, and sing
With harp and timbrel joyfully;
The Lord takes pleasure in his own,
Adorns the poor with victory.

Let faithful saints rejoice in bed,
Let them be joyful in the Lord;
Let praise of God be in their throat
And in their hand a two-edged sword;

To wreak God's vengeance on all lands,
The punishment which he ordains;
To bind their kings with links of iron
And place their nobles, too, in chains;

To levy and inflict on them
The judgment God decreed by law;
This is the glory which God's own
Will all receive. Hallelujah!

Second Reading: Romans 13:8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbour as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

**Gradual Hymn: B #614, vs. 1 & 2
before the Gospel, v. 3 & 4 after
the Gospel**

Gospel Reading: Mt 18:15-20

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

Offertory Hymn: B #487

Prayer over the Gifts

Great and holy God, accept our offering of labour and love. May we bring you true and spiritual worship and be one with you. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

Communion Hymns: R #19, #22 & #107

After Communion: B #72

Prayer after Communion

Father, your word and sacrament give us food and life. May we who have shared in holy things bear fruit to your honour and glory, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn: B #486

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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".

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

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 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.

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 ROERTS

Will be away until September 16, 2023.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School starts Sunday, September 17, 2023. 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

For today's service:

Presiding Celebrant & Preacher: Rev. Dr. Thomas Brauer

Reader & Intercessor: Nancy Fleming

Communion Assistants: Kevin Lewis & Chris Elmsley

Greeters: Faye Moore & Linda MacLaren

Readings for next Sunday, September 17, 2023:

Ex 14 :19-31; Ps 114; Rom 14 :1-12; Mt 18 :21-35

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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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