

# Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

## *Truth and Reconciliation* *Sunday*

October 1, 2023, 10:00 a.m.

*Flowers on the Altar are given to the  
Glory of God and in honour of "Every  
Child Matters" and with blessings for all  
survivors.*

**Processional Hymn: B #372**

**Collect of the Day**

Grant, O merciful God, that your  
Church,  
being gathered by your Holy Spirit into  
one, may show forth your power among  
all peoples, to the glory of your name;  
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 17:1-7**

From the wilderness of Sin the whole  
congregation of the Israelites journeyed  
by stages, as the Lord commanded. They

camped at Rephidim, but there was no  
water for the people to drink. The  
people quarrelled with Moses, and said,  
"Give us water to drink." Moses said to  
them, "Why do you quarrel with me?  
Why do you test the Lord?" But the  
people thirsted there for water; and the  
people complained against Moses and  
said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt,  
to kill us and our children and livestock  
with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the  
Lord, "What shall I do with this people?  
They are almost ready to stone me."  
The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of  
the people, and take some of the elders  
of Israel with you; take in your hand the  
staff with which you struck the Nile, and  
go. I will be standing there in front of  
you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the  
rock, and water will come out of it, so  
that the people may drink." Moses did  
so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He  
called the place Massah and Meribah,  
because the Israelites quarrelled and  
tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord  
among us or not?"

**Psalm 78**

*Tune: Old Hundredth*

Hear, O my people, what I say,  
Incline your ears to learn my ways;  
I will declare a parable,  
The mysteries of ancient days.

What our forefathers told to us  
And that which we have heard and  
known,  
The mighty works which God has done,  
Their children also must be shown.

All the night through with glow of fire,  
With cloud by day God led his own,  
And in the wilderness they drank  
As from deep pools, from riven stone.

Indeed, the water flood gushed out  
In streams when once he struck the  
rock,  
But is he able to give bread  
And meat to satisfy his flock?

God gave commandment to the clouds,  
Heavens' doors were opened, manna  
fell;  
So mortals ate the angels' bread,  
He satisfied their hunger well.

<b>Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-13</b>
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If then there is any encouragement in  
Christ, any consolation from love, any  
sharing in the Spirit, any compassion  
and sympathy, make my joy complete:  
be of the same mind, having the same  
love, being in full accord and of one

mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition  
or conceit, but in humility regard others  
as better than yourselves. Let each of  
you look not to your own interests, but  
to the interests of others. Let the same  
mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,  
who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God as  
something to be exploited, but emptied  
himself, taking the form of a slave, being  
born in human likeness. And being  
found in human form, he humbled  
himself and became obedient to the  
point of death - even death on a cross.  
Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name that is above  
every name, so that at the name of  
Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven  
and on earth and under the earth, and  
every tongue should confess that Jesus  
Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the  
Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as  
you have always obeyed me, not only in  
my presence, but much more now in my  
absence, work out your own salvation  
with fear and trembling; for it is God  
who is at work in you, enabling you both  
to will and to work for his good  
pleasure.

**Gradual Hymn: B #606, vs. 1, 2  
& 3 before the Gospel, v. 4 & 5  
after the Gospel**

**Gospel Reading: Mt 21:23-32**

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I

go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

**Offertory Hymn: B #397**

**Prayer over the Gifts**

Eternal God, in Jesus Christ we behold your glory. Receive the offering of your people gathered before you, and open our hearts and mouths to praise your great salvation, the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Communion Hymns: R #89,  
#97, & #166**

**After Communion: B #85**

## Prayer after Communion

Father in heaven, strengthen the unity of your Church, so that we who have been fed with holy things may fulfil your will in the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Recessional Hymn: B #619

### SERMON NOTES:

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS for Oct. 1, 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.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School is looking for donations of previously loved lego, a few wooden puzzles, baby dolls – even if they have no clothes because we are swaddling them; an old fashioned wood cradle, baskets and a manger. (just in case there is one lying around?) Small 12 x 12 pieces of flannelette (for swaddling) would be greatly appreciated too. With much appreciation to all of St. John's congregation for their continued support! Emily and Nancy.

## **PRAY K7A**

Come and pray for Smiths Falls and area. The last Sunday of the month Christians from across Smiths Falls will gather to pray for the town and area, to sing praise to God, and to encourage each other. Bring an instrument, your singing voice, and some of your favourite hymns, songs and spiritual songs, as well as your prayers. We'll be doing the music in an open-mic style. The location for the last Sunday of October is yet to be announced.

## **CHOIR**

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

**REV. CANON JIM ROBERTS**

Will be away October 1 and 8, 2023.

**ST. JOHN'S ACW**

Will meet on Wednesday, October 11, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the upper hall.

Current and new members are encouraged to attend. Election of table officers among other items will be on the agenda. We hope to see you there!



## **For today's service:**

**Presiding Celebrant & Preacher:** Rev. Dr. Thomas Brauer

**Reader & Intercessor:** Donna Howard

**Communion Assistants:** Kevin Lewis & Kathy Porter

**Greeters:** Doreen Watt & Ron Watt

**Readings for next Sunday, October 8, 2023:**

Ex 20 :1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Ps 19; Phil 3:4b-14; Mt 21:33-46



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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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