

Sixteenth Sunday

after Pentecost

September 24, 2023, 10:00 a.m.

Processional Hymn: B #380

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth, and ourselves in your image. Teach us to discern your hand in all your works and to serve you with reverence and thanksgiving; 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 16:2-15

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread

from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days." So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?" And Moses said, "When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him - what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord." Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.'" And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I

am the Lord your God." In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat."

Psalm 105 *Tune: Land of Rest*

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: Philippians 1:21-30

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the Gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of

believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well - since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Gradual Hymn: B #585, vs. 1 & 2 before the Gospel, v. 3 after the Gospel

Gospel Reading: Mt 20:1-16

Jesus said, "For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the

labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

Offertory Hymn: B #435

Prayer over the Gifts

God of power, the glory of your works fills us with wonder and awe. Accept our offering this day, and help us to live

in peace and harmony with all your creation, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Communion Hymns: R #56, 68,
79**

After Communion: B #72

Prayer after Communion

Ruler of the universe, all creation yearns for its fulfilment in your Son. May we who have shared in holy things grow into maturity in him. This we ask in the name of the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn: B #503

ANNOUNCEMENTS for Sept. 24, 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

Our emphasis this year is on play based experiences to help us understand the world in the time of Jesus, the history of the New Testament and how we can find God in our own lives. Last week we explored Noah's Ark through play, did some quiet prayer practice, and talked about the Red Sea and the geography of the area. (We have a map!) This week is Ice Cream Sunday, and we will locate a landmark from Jesus' ministry on our map. 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. ***This month, September 24 we will be especially praying for our schools and children. Tonight, September 24, at 7:00 p.m., we'll gather at St. John's Church Hall (2 George Street S.)*** 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.

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.

For today's service:

Presiding Celebrant: Rev. Dr. Thomas Brauer

Preacher: Rev. Canon Jim Roberts

Reader & Intercessor: Cindy Penman

Communion Assistants: Kevin Lewis & Ron Watt

Greeters: Doreen Watt & Ron Watt

Readings for next Sunday, October 1, 2023:

Ex 17:1-7; Ps 78:1-4, 12-16; Phil 2:1-13; Mt 21:23-32

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Weekly Liturgies

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

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