

# Welcome to St. John's Church



*Sébastien Bourdon, 17<sup>th</sup> century, Hermitage Museum*

## The Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost:

*September 3, 2023  
8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.*

**ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

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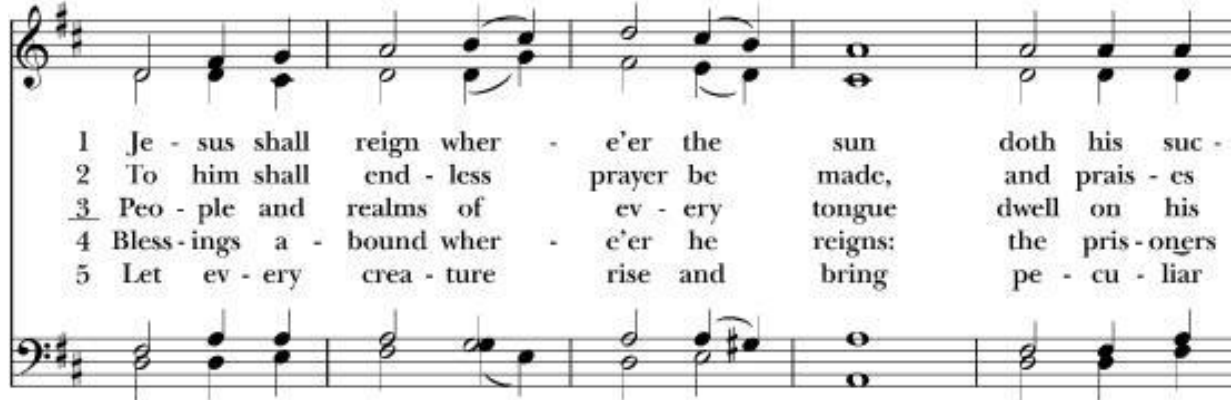
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# MORNING PRAYER

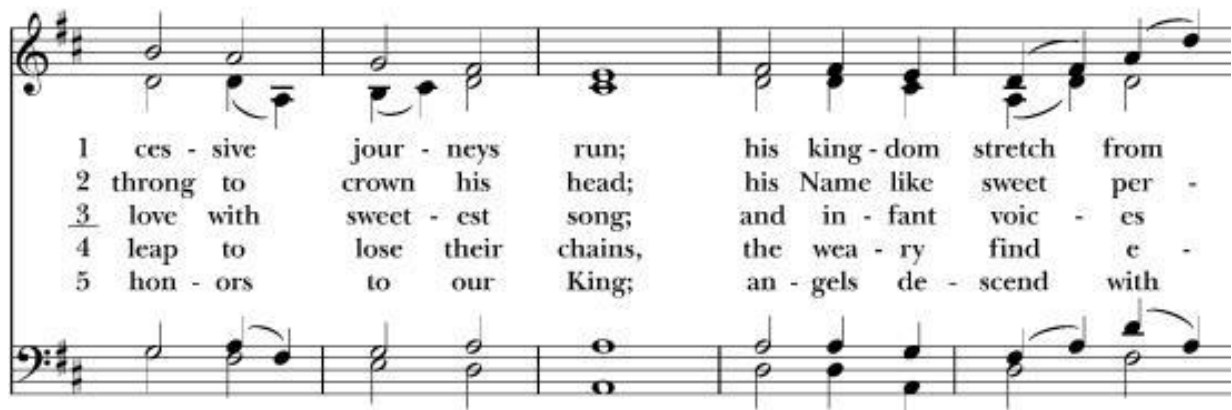
## Organ Prelude

## The Call to Worship with the tolling of the church bell

## Opening Hymn # 544 *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er The Sun*



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun doth his suc -  
2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es  
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his  
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns; the pris - oners  
5 Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar



1 ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from  
2 thron - to crown his head; his Name like sweet per -  
3 love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es  
4 leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -  
5 hon - ors to our King; an - gels de - scend with



1 shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.  
2 fume shall rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.  
3 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his Name.  
4 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.  
5 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

## The Invitatory and Psalter

*Officiant* O God, open our lips.

*People* *And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.*

*Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.*

## Hymn # 391

## Psalm 100

1 Be - fore the Lord's e - ter - nal throne, ye  
 2 His sov - ereign Power with - out our aid formed  
 3 We are his peo - ple, we his care, our  
 4 We'll crowd thy gates with thank - ful songs, high  
 5 Wide as the world is thy com - mand, vast

1 na - tions, bow with sa - cred joy; know that the Lord is  
 2 us of clay and gave us breath; and when like wan - dering  
 3 souls, and all our mor - tal frame: what last - ing hon - ors  
 4 as the heavens our voic - es raise; and earth, with her ten  
 5 as e - ter - ni - ty thy love; firm as a rock thy

1 God a - lone; he can cre - ate, and he des - troy.  
 2 sheep we strayed, he saved us from the power of death.  
 3 shall we rear, al - mighty Ma - ker, to thy Name?  
 4 thou - sand tongues, shall fill thy courts with sound - ing praise.  
 5 truth must stand, when roll - ing years shall cease to move.

*The congregation may wish to sit for the Psalm*

## Psalm 105: 1-6, 16-22, 45b

*the congregation is invited to say the Psalm together in unison*

**1 Give thanks to the LORD and call upon his Name; \***  
*make known his deeds among the peoples.*

**2 Sing to him, sing praises to him, \***  
*and speak of all his marvelous works.*

**3 Glory in his holy Name; \***  
*let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.*

- 4 Search for the LORD and his strength; \*  
continually seek his face.*
- 5 Remember the marvels he has done, \*  
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,*
- 6 O offspring of Abraham his servant, \*  
O children of Jacob his chosen.*
- 16 Then he called for a famine in the land \*  
and destroyed the supply of bread.*
- 17 He sent a man before them, \*  
Joseph, who was sold as a slave.*
- 18 They bruised his feet in fetters; \*  
his neck they put in an iron collar.*
- 19 Until his prediction came to pass, \*  
the word of the LORD tested him.*
- 20 The king sent and released him; \*  
the ruler of the peoples set him free.*
- 21 He set him as a master over his household,  
as a ruler over all his possessions,*
- 22 To instruct his princes according to his will  
and to teach his elders wisdom.*
- 45 Hallelujah!*

### **The Readings**

*INTRODUCTION: Our Hebrew scripture is the story of Moses' encountering the burning bush.*

#### **A Reading from the Scroll of 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.”

The Word of the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

**Canticle # 8**                      *The Song Of Moses*                      Exodus 15:1-6, 11-13, 17-18

***I will sing to the Lord, for he is lofty and uplifted; \*  
the horse and its rider has he hurled into the sea.***

***The Lord is my strength and my refuge; \*  
the Lord has become my Savior.***

***This is my God and I will praise him, \*  
the God of my people and I will exalt him.***

***The Lord is a mighty warrior; \*  
Yahweh is his Name.***

***The chariots of Pharaoh and his army has he hurled into the sea; \*  
the finest of those who bear armor have been drowned in the Red Sea.***

***The fathomless deep has overwhelmed them; \*  
they sank into the depths like a stone.***

***Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in might; \*  
your right hand, O Lord, has overthrown the enemy.***

***Who can be compared with you, O Lord, among the gods? \*  
who is like you, glorious in holiness, awesome in renown, and worker of  
wonders?***

***You stretched forth your right hand; \*  
the earth swallowed them up.***

***With your constant love you led the people you redeemed; \*  
with your might you brought them in safety to your holy dwelling.***

***You will bring them in and plant them \****

*on the mount of your possession,*

*The resting-place you have made for yourself, O Lord, \*  
the sanctuary, O Lord, that your hand has established.*

*The Lord shall reign \*  
for ever and for ever.*

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.*

*INTRODUCTION: In this second reading, Paul exhorts the disciples in Rome to live lives full of Christian dedication and virtue, overcoming evil with good.*

**A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the 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 honor. 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.

*After each Reading, the Reader may say*

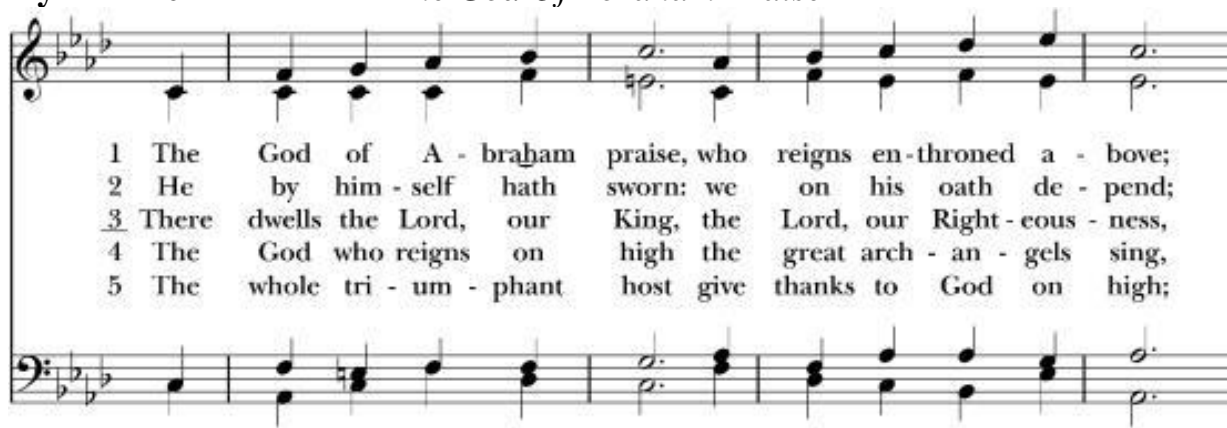
*The Word of the Lord.*

*People*

*Thanks be to God.*

**Hymn # 401**

*The God Of Abraham Praise*



1 The God of A - braham praise, who reigns en - throned a - bove;  
2 He by him - self hath sworn: we on his oath de - pend;  
3 There dwells the Lord, our King, the Lord, our Right - eous - ness,  
4 The God who reigns on high the great arch - an - gels sing,  
5 The whole tri - um - phant host give thanks to God on high;

1 An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days, and God of love;  
 2 we shall, on ea - gle - wings up - borne, to heaven a - scend:  
 3 tri - um - phant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace;  
 4 and "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," cry, "Al - might - y King!  
 5 "Hail, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!" they ev - er cry;

1 the Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con - fessed:  
 2 we shall be - hold his face, we shall his power a - dore,  
 3 on Zi - on's sa - cred height his king - dom he main - tains,  
 4 Who was, and is, the same, and ev - er - more shall be:  
 5 hail, A - braham's Lord di - vine! With heaven our songs we raise;

we bow and bless the sa - cred Name for ev - er blest.  
 and sing the won - ders of his grace for ev - er - more.  
 and, glo - rious with his saints in light, for ev - er reigns.  
 e - ter - nal Fa - ther, great I AM, we wor - ship thee."  
 all might and ma - jes - ty are thine, and end - less praise.

*INTRODUCTION: In our third Reading, Jesus teaches Peter and the other disciples that the way of his ministry is the way of the cross.*

**A Reading from the Gospel of St. Matthew: (16:21-28)**

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.”

The Word of the Lord.

*People Thanks be to God.*

## **The Sermon**

Sara Coles, *licensed Preacher*

## **The Creed Of The United Church of Canada**

*We are not alone,  
we live in God’s world.*

*We believe in God:  
who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus,  
the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others  
by the Spirit.*

*We trust in God.*

*We are called to be the Church:  
to celebrate God’s presence,  
to live with respect in Creation,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.*

*In life, in death, in life beyond death,  
God is with us.*

*We are not alone.*

*Thanks be to God.*

## **The Prayers**

*Officiant God be with you.*

*People And also with you.*

*Officiant Let us pray.*

*Officiant and People*

*Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,*



*thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.*

### **The Suffrages**

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
R. *And grant us your salvation.*  
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
R. *Let your people sing with you.*  
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
R. *For only in you can we live in safety.*  
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
R. *And guide us in the way of justice and truth.*  
V. Let your way be known upon earth;  
R. *Your saving health among all nations.*  
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
R. *Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.*  
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
R. *And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.*

### **The Collect of the Day**

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### **A Collect for Sunday**

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **A Prayer for Mission**

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our own hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love you: for the honor of your Name. *Amen.*

## Offertory Hymn # 380

*From All That Dwell Below The Skies*

1 From all that dwell be - low the skies let  
2 E - ter - nal are thy mer - cies, Lord, and  
\*3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise

the Cre - a - tor's praise a - rise! Let the Re - deem - er's  
truth e - ter - nal is thy word: thy praise shall sound from  
him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye

Name be sung through ev - ery land, by ev - ery tongue!  
shore to shore till suns shall rise and set no more.  
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

*An*

*offering to God will be collected during the singing of this hymn.*

*Officiant:* Let us continue our prayers, pausing now so that all may add their own prayers or petitions, either silently in their hearts or aloud in our midst.

### **The General Thanksgiving**

*Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,*

*that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
 not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
 by giving up our selves to your service,  
 and by walking before you  
 in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
 be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.*\

**A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

*Then may be said*

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.

*Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

**Closing Hymn # 719**

*O Beautiful For Spacious Skies*

1 O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, for am - ber waves of grain,  
 2 O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved in lib - er - at - ing strife,  
 3 O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream that sees be - yond the years

for pur - ple moun - tain ma - jes - ties a - bove the fruit - ed plain!  
 who more than self their coun - try loved, and mer - cy more than life!  
 thine al - a - bas - ter ci - ties gleam, un - dimmed by hu - man tears!

A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,  
 A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God mend thine ev - ery flaw,  
 A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,

and crown thy good with bro-ther-hood from sea to shin - ing sea.  
 con - firm thy soul in self - con - trol, thy lib - er - ty in law.  
 and crown thy good with bro-ther-hood from sea to shin - ing sea.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*      *2 Corinthians 13:14*

**Organ Postlude**

**Worship Ministers Today:**

- Tom Hollinger: *8:00 Officiant*
- Ann Hodgman: *10:00 Officiant*
- Sara Coles: *Preacher*
- Emily Souza: *Organist*
- John Magee: *8:00 Reader*
- Mary Davis: *10:00 Reader*
- Laura Daly: *Veejay (VJ)*
- Susie Magee, Corinne Johnson: *Altar Guild*
- Natalie Dyer, Bob Futh: *Ushers*
- Alec Purves: *Coffee Host*