

## Readings + 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, Lect. 18 A + August 2, 2020

### Prayer of the Day

Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

### First Reading (SC) Genesis 32:22-31

<sup>22</sup> At night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. <sup>23</sup> He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. <sup>24</sup> Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. <sup>25</sup> When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. <sup>26</sup> Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." <sup>27</sup> So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." <sup>28</sup> Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." <sup>29</sup> Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. <sup>30</sup> So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." <sup>31</sup> The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip. <sup>32</sup> Therefore to this day the Israelites do not eat the thigh muscle that is on the hip socket, because he struck Jacob on the hip socket at the thigh muscle.

### Psalmody (SC) Psalm 17:1-7, 15

<sup>1</sup> Hear a just cause, O LORD; give heed | to my cry;  
listen to my prayer, which does not come from  
| lying lips.  
<sup>2</sup> Let my vindication come forth | from your presence;

let your eyes be | fixed on justice.

<sup>3</sup> Examine my heart, visit | me by night,  
melt me down; you will find no impuri- | ty in me.

<sup>4</sup> I have not regarded what | others do;  
at the word of your lips I have avoided the ways  
| of the violent.

<sup>5</sup> My footsteps hold fast to your | well-worn path;  
and my feet | do not slip.

<sup>6</sup> I call upon you, O God, for you will | answer me;  
incline your ear to me and | hear my words.

<sup>7</sup> Show me your marvelous | lovingkindness,  
O Savior of those who take refuge at your right  
hand  
from those who | rise up against them.

<sup>15</sup> But at my vindication I shall | see your face;  
when I awake, I shall be satisfied, behold- | ing  
your likeness.

### Second Reading Romans 9:1-5

*Paul writes:* <sup>1</sup> I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit— <sup>2</sup> I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. <sup>3</sup> For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. <sup>4</sup> They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; <sup>5</sup> to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

### Holy Gospel Matthew 14:13-21

*This miraculous feeding of thousands is one of the few stories, apart from the Passion story itself, that is included in all four Gospels. Each Evangelist's version is slightly different, but the main elements are all the same, including agreement that there were five loaves and two fish to begin with, and twelve baskets of leftovers at the end. John is the only*

*Evangelist who omits Jesus' injunction (v. 16 here), "you give them something to eat."*

<sup>13</sup> Now when Jesus heard about the beheading of John the Baptist, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. <sup>14</sup> When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. <sup>15</sup> When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." <sup>16</sup> Jesus said to them, "They

need not go away; you give them something to eat." <sup>17</sup> They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." <sup>18</sup> And he said, "Bring them here to me." <sup>19</sup> Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. <sup>20</sup> And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. <sup>21</sup> And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.