

Readings + 19th Sunday after Pentecost, Lect. 29 C + October 19, 2025

Prayer of the Day

O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

First Reading Genesis 32:22-31

²² At night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³ He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. ²⁴ Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵ 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.

²⁶ Then the man said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." ²⁷ So the man said to Jacob, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob."

²⁸ 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."

²⁹ Then Jacob asked the man, "Please tell me your name." But the man said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there the man blessed Jacob.

³⁰ So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, yet my life is preserved." ³¹ The sun rose upon Jacob as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

Psalmody Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?

My help comes from the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth.

The LORD will not let your foot be moved, nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.

Behold, the keeper of Israel will neither slumber nor sleep;

the LORD watches over you; the LORD is your shade at your right hand;

the sun will not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

The LORD will preserve you from all evil and will keep your life.

The LORD will watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth forevermore.

Second Reading 2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:5

¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, ¹⁵ and how from childhood you have known sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the person of God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

⁴ ¹ In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of Christ's appearing and his dominion, I solemnly urge you: ² proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. ³ For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound teaching, but, having their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, ⁴ and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. ⁵ As for you, be sober in everything, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

Holy Gospel Luke 18:1-8

Only Luke relates this parable of Jesus:

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ² He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³ In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my accuser.' ⁴ For a while the judge refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God

and no respect for anyone, ⁵ yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.” ⁶ And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷ And will not God grant justice to God’s chosen ones who cry out

day and night? Will God delay long in helping them? ⁸ I tell you, God will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son-of-Humanity comes, will he find faith on earth?”