

# 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

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## The Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

## A Reading from Genesis 32:3-8, 22-30

And Jacob sent messengers before him to Esau his brother in the land of Seir, the country of Edom, <sup>4</sup> instructing them, "Thus you shall say to my lord Esau: Thus says your servant Jacob, 'I have sojourned with Laban, and stayed until now; <sup>5</sup> and I have oxen, asses, flocks, menservants, and maidservants; and I have sent to tell my lord, in order that I may find favor in your sight.'" <sup>6</sup> And the messengers returned to Jacob, saying, "We came to your brother Esau, and he is coming to meet you, and four hundred men with him." <sup>7</sup> Then Jacob was greatly afraid and distressed; and he divided the people that were with him, and the flocks and herds and camels, into two companies, <sup>8</sup> thinking, "If Esau comes to the one company and destroys it, then the company which is left will escape. ... <sup>22</sup> The same night he arose 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> And Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. <sup>25</sup> When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched the hollow of his thigh; and Jacob's thigh 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> And he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said,

"Jacob." <sup>28</sup> Then he said, "Your name shall no more be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed." <sup>29</sup> Then Jacob asked him, "Tell me, I pray, 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 name of the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." (Gen 32:3 RSV).

## **Psalm 121**

*Levavi oculos*

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; \*  
from where is my help to come?
- 2 My help comes from the Lord, \*  
the maker of heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not let your foot be moved \*  
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
- 4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel \*  
shall neither slumber nor sleep;
- 5 The Lord himself watches over you; \*  
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,
- 6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, \*  
nor the moon by night.
- 7 The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; \*  
it is he who shall keep you safe.
- 8 The Lord shall watch over your going out and  
your coming in, \*  
from this time forth for evermore

## **A Reading from 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5**

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it <sup>15</sup> and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings which are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>16</sup> All scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in

righteousness,<sup>17</sup> that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

**4:1** I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom:<sup>2</sup> preach the word, be urgent in season and out of season, convince, rebuke, and exhort, be unfailing in patience and in teaching.<sup>3</sup> For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own likings,<sup>4</sup> and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander into myths.<sup>5</sup> As for you, always be steady, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfil your ministry.

### **The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke 18:1-8**

And he told them a parable, to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart.<sup>2</sup> He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor regarded man;<sup>3</sup> and there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, 'Vindicate me against my adversary.'<sup>4</sup> For a while he refused; but afterward he said to himself, 'Though I neither fear God nor regard man,<sup>5</sup> yet because this widow bothers me, I will vindicate her, or she will wear me out by her continual coming.'"<sup>6</sup> And the Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge says.<sup>7</sup> And will not God vindicate his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them?<sup>8</sup> I tell you, he will vindicate them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of man comes, will he find faith on earth?"