



LECTIONARY

FIRST READING

GENESIS 32:22-31

The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. 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. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." 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." 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. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

Lector: **Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.**

People: **Thanks be to God**

PSALM 121

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.

SECOND READING

2 TIMOTHY 3:14-4:5

As for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

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People: **Thanks be to God**

Sequence Hymn: “*Seek Ye First*”

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Priest: *The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.*

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

Pray And Don't Give Up

LUKE 18:1-8

GOSPEL

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Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, “In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, ‘Grant me justice against my opponent.’ For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, ‘Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.’” And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”

Priest: *The Gospel of the Lord.*

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

Prayers of the People

After the lay leader has said the first prayer, please feel free, as the spirit moves you, to say the next prayer. If two or more start together please continue together

**Please respond to each of these prayers with the phrase:
Christ hear us!**

Let us pray for the worldwide Anglican Communion especially The Church of Ceylon;

We Pray... **Christ hear us!**

We pray also for all in the Episcopal Diocese of Arizona, especially our especially our brothers and sisters St. Thomas in Clarkdale;

We pray. . . **Christ hear us!**

Let us pray for our nation, especially remembering those displaced by the flooding caused by hurricane Matthew;

We pray. . . **Christ hear us!**

We pray for our Armed Forces, for their safety and the wellbeing of their families and loved ones;

We pray. . . **Christ hear us!**

Let us pray for our world, especially for the people of Haiti trying to rebuild their lives after hurricane Matthew;

We pray. . . **Christ hear us!**

We pray for Sierra Vista and our surrounding area, asking God's blessings for the children;

We pray. . . **Christ hear us!**

Let us pray for those who are poor, sick, mourning or experiencing any kind of suffering. Please say aloud the names of any for whom you wish to pray;

Pause for people to mention names then say:

We pray. . . **Christ hear us!**

Let us pray for our friends and loved ones, who have departed this life, may they enjoy the glory of the heavenly city. Please say the names of any for whom you wish to pray;

Pause for people to mention names then say:

We pray. . . **Christ hear us!**