



# Lectionary

## FIRST READING

### GENESIS 28:10-19A

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went towards Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, ‘I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.’ Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, ‘Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!’ And he was afraid, and said, ‘How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.’ So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel; but the name of the city was Luz at the first.

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

People: Thanks be to God

I will thank thee O God with all my heart and will praise thy Name for - eve more.

### PSALM 86:11-17

11 Teach me thy way O Lord and  
I will walk in thy truth \*  
O knit my heart unto thee that I  
may fear thy Name.

12 I will thank thee O Lord my  
God with all my heart \*  
and will praise thy Name forever-  
more.

13 For great is thy mercy toward

me \*  
and thou hast delivered my soul  
from the nethermost hell.  
14 O God the proud are risen  
against me \*  
and the congregations of naugh-  
ty men have sought after my  
soul and have not set thee be-  
fore their eyes.  
15 But thou O Lord God art full  
of compassion and mercy \*  
long-suffering plenteous in

goodness and truth.  
16 O turn thee then unto me and  
have mercy upon me \*  
give they strength unto they  
servant and help the song of  
thine handmaid.  
17 Shew some token upon me  
for good that they who hate me  
may see it and be ashamed \*  
because thou Lord hast holpen  
me and comforted me.

## **SECOND READING**

### **ROMANS 8:12-25**

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, ‘Abba! Father!’ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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

**People: Thanks be to God**

**Sequence Hymn: "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"**

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

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



## **GOSPEL**

### **MATTHEW 13:24-30, 36-43**

Another parable Jesus put before the crowds saying:

"The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'" Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

**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 for the church of North East Nigeria;

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

We pray also for all in the Episcopal Diocese of Arizona, especially the parish of All Saints on the Desert in Sun City;

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

Let us pray for our nation, asking God to imbue our national leadership with a passion to serve the common good;

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, asking God's blessings for refugees and refugee workers;

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

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

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!**