

Readings for October 19, 2025

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading: Genesis 32:22-31

²² The same night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two female slaves, 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 he said to him, "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, and yet my life is preserved." ³¹ The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

Psalm: Psalm 121

- ¹ I lift up my eyes ¹ to the hills;
from where is my ¹ help to come?
- ² **My help comes ¹ from the Lord,**
the maker of heav- ¹ en and earth.
- ³ The Lord will not let your ¹ foot be moved
nor will the one who watches over you ¹ fall asleep.
- ⁴ **Behold, the keep- ¹ er of Israel**
will neither slum- ¹ ber nor sleep; R
- ⁵ the Lord watches ¹ over you;
the Lord is your shade at ¹ your right hand;
- ⁶ **the sun will not strike ¹ you by day,**
nor the ¹ moon by night.
- ⁷ The Lord will preserve you ¹ from all evil
and will ¹ keep your life.
- ⁸ **The Lord will watch over your going out and your ¹ coming in,**
from this time forth for- ¹ evermore. R

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 the 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 everyone who belongs to 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 doctrine, but having itching ears, 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, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

Gospel: Luke 18:1-8

¹ 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 opponent.’ 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 own elect who are crying 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-Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”