

SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

TRINITY 18 (YEAR C) PROPER 24

COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Gen 32.22–31

A reading from the book of Genesis.

At night Jacob 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 through Peniel, limping because of his hip.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 121



R. My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. (*All repeat*)



I lift up my eyes | to the hills;
from where is my | help to come?
My help comes | from the Lord,
the maker of | heav'n and earth. *R.*

He will not suffer your | foot to stumble;
he who watches over you | will not sleep.
Behold he who keeps watch | over Israel
shall neither slum-|ber nor sleep. *R.*

The Lord himself | watches over you;
the Lord is your shade at | your right hand,
so that the sun shall not strike | you by day,
neither the | moon by night. *R.*

The Lord shall keep you | from all evil;
it is he who shall | keep your soul.
The Lord shall preserve your going out and
your | coming in,
from this time forth for | evermore. *R.*

SECOND READING

2 Tim 3.14 – 4.5

A reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy.

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 favourable or unfavourable; 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.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf Eph 1.17,18

Alleluia.

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind: that we may see the hope to which we are called.

Alleluia.

GOSPEL READING

Lk 18.1-8

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the Gospel ✠ of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus told his disciples a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, 'Give me justice against my adversary.' For a while he refused, but afterwards he said to himself, 'Though I neither fear God nor respect man, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.'" And the Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge says. And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Accept, Lord, our prayers and our offerings. Grant that our loving worship may help us to reach the glory of heaven; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast: for here we receive you, here the memory of your passion is renewed, here our minds are filled with grace, and here a pledge of future glory is given, when we shall feast at that table where you reign with all your saints for ever. **Amen.**