

Sunday

19 October 2025

Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

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.

FIRST READING Genesis 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 Peniel, limping because of his hip.

PSALM Psalm 121



R *The Lord shall keep you from all evil.*

I lift up my eyes to the hills;
from where is my help to come?
My help comes from the Lord,
the maker of heaven 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 slumber 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 keep watch over your
going out and your coming in,
from this time forth for evermore. **R**

SECOND READING

2 Timothy 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.

GOSPEL Luke 18:1-8

*Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus
Christ according to Luke.*

Jesus told his disciples 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?"

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.