



Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

6 August 2017

Sentence The Lord is near to all who call on him in truth. He fulfils the desire of all that fear him, hears their cry, and saves them.

Psalm 145.18-19

Collect

O God, with whom we wrestle until the break of day:
make us long to seek your face
beyond the limits of our strength,
that in our wounds we may remember you,
and in your blessing we may find ourselves;
through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

A reading from the book of Genesis.

Jacob is now journeying home, hoping to be reconciled with his brother Esau, whom he tricked years before into giving Jacob his birthright. Jacob has been living with and working for his uncle Laban, married to Leah and Rachel, Laban's daughters and is wealthy. Ever wily, he divides his camp and his flocks into several groups and send gifts ahead to appease his brother. In this story, he is alone at night and wrestles with a stranger who proves to be God. His name is then changed from Jacob 'the surplanter' to Israel meaning 'God rules' or as here 'the one who strives with God.'

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 Penuel, limping because of his hip.

Genesis 32.22-31

Reader Hear the word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

Psalm 17.1-7, 16 at 8am APBA, page 235

At 10am TiS 6

A prayer of deliverance from enemies which in the last verse is experienced in God's presence.

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Paul is deeply concerned that his fellow Jews understand what God offers in Jesus the Christ, which is now extended to the whole world but belongs to his own people in a special way. We can hear his anguish and passion in his words.

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen. It is not as though the word of God had failed. For not all Israel-

ites truly belong to Israel, and not all of Abraham's children are his true descendants; but 'It is through Isaac that descendants shall be named after you.' This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted as descendants.

Romans 9.1-8

Reader May your word live in us

All And bear much fruit to your glory

Gospel Acclamation

All Alleluia! Alleluia!

Cantor The crowd ate and were filled:

and they took up what was left of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full.

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Reader The Lord be with you

ALL And also with you

Reader A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

ALL Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

The death of John the Baptist had a profound effect on Jesus. The miraculous feeding anticipates the messianic banquet of the age to come, while Jesus' actions in this story suggest a liturgical context. So, this is not a story about amazing catering but of God's provision even in great deprivation.

When Jesus heard that Herod had beheaded John the Baptist, he withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.' Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.' They

replied, 'We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.' And he said, 'Bring them here to me.' Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children. *Matthew 14.13-21*

Reader For the Gospel of the Lord

ALL Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Prayer for the Week

Almighty God, whose beloved Son for our sake
willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross:
give us courage and patience
to take up our cross daily and follow him:
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Bible Readings next week Mary, Mother of our Lord, *transferred*

Isaiah 61.10-62.3 Psalm 113 Galatians 4.4-7 Luke 2.1-7

Pray for the Faithful Departed

We remember before God: Eric Walter Nevil (Nevil) Jackson, Betty Plant, Leonard Glasson, Daisy Corless, Clarice Warne, John Wailles, Alice Lyons, Radcliffe Lewis, Kathleen Deans, Stanley Charles Moss - *Priest, whose anniversaries occur this week.*

August 6 The Transfiguration of our Lord. Recorded in the first three (synoptic) gospels this story show Jesus revealed in the full glory of his being.

August 8 Dominic, priest and friar (c.1170-1221) Founder of the Order of Friars Preachers of the Black Friars, later called Dominicans, founded to be centres of sacred learning, a feature of Dominicans ever since.

August 9 Mary Sumner, founder of the Mothers' Union (d. 1921)

August 10 Laurence, deacon and martyr at Rome (d. 258) Martyred during the Roman persecutions and legend is that he was roasted on a gridiron (hence his symbol in art). Showed great concern for the poor. Our Brotherhood of St. Laurence is named after him.

August 11 Clare of Assisi (1194-1253) Founder of the Order of the Poor Clares. Born in Assisi and greatly influenced by the preaching of Francis of Assisi. Her remains are in Assisi. She had Francis' simplicity, joy, love of nature and holiness.

August 11 John Henry Newman, cardinal and theologian (1801-1890) Leader of the Church of England's Oxford Movement. His sermons and tracts were very influential on religious life in England and beyond. Received into the Roman Catholic Church in 1845. Wrote many theological and literary works.

