



# 19th Sunday after Pentecost

*Order for Compline*

*Wednesday, October 14, 2020 7:45 pm*

## **Welcome**

*Greetings, Friends and Neighbors of St. Timothy's. Thank you for joining us for our worship service.*

## **Opening Sentence**

The Lord Almighty grant us a peaceful night and a perfect end. **Amen.**

*Officiant* Our help is in the Name of the Lord

**People** **The maker of heaven and earth**

*The Officiant*

Let us confess our sins to God. (Silence may be kept.)

*Officiant and People*

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father:**

**We have sinned against you,**

**through our own fault,**

**in thought, and word, and deed,**

**and in what we have left undone.**

**For the sake of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,**

**forgive us all our offenses**

**and grant that we may serve you**

**in newness of life,**

**to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*Officiant*

May the Almighty God grant us forgiveness of all our sins,  
and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*Officiant* O God, make speed to save us.

**People** O Lord, make haste to help us.

## **A reading from Genesis 25:29-34**

Abraham was Isaac's father. Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah and he asked God for children. Finally, when he was sixty, Rebekah became pregnant. She was so miserable she said, "If this is what motherhood is like, why should I bother?" God said to her, "The reason you are miserable is because you've got two babies, not just one. And you'll see, they'll be as different as two separate nations."

When they were born, one baby was all hairy and red and they named him Esau. The second was born holding on to his brother's foot. They named him Jacob. When they grew up Esau was a hunter and Jacob was more of a homebody. Esau was Abraham's favorite, and Rebekah preferred Jacob.

Jacob was cooking stew once, when his brother came in from the field, starving. He begged his brother for some stew. Jacob said, "You can have some, but first you have to sell me your birthright." (That means that the oldest child always inherited the father's goods, and Esau was the oldest.) Esau was so hungry all he could think about was food. He said, "I'm about to die of hunger, what do I care about my birthright? You can have it. Just give me some stew."

Jacob put the stew in a bowl, but before he gave it to Esau he said, "Swear that it's mine."

Esau said, "Yes, it's yours. Now give me that stew."

Jacob gave him bread and kept filling his brother's bowl with stew. When Esau was finally full, he got up and walked away.

And that's how Esau lost his birthright.

God appeared to Abraham one hot day as he was sitting near his tent. Abraham looked up and saw three men coming toward him. He got up to meet them, saying, "Please, stay here a little while and rest. Let me bring you water to wash your feet and offer you some good food." So, they said, "Thank you. That would be very nice." Abraham ran into the tent and told Sarah to make some cake. He told his servant to prepare an excellent meal. They all sat down together in the shade of the tree and ate together.

One of them asked, "Where is your wife, Sarah?" Abraham said, "She's there in the tent." The man replied, "I'll be back this way this time next year. She'll have a son in her arms when I come back." Sarah was listening to this from the tent.

Abraham and Sarah were way too old to have children. So, when Sarah heard this, she laughed to herself, thinking, "Really? Now that I'm old and my husband is even older, now I'm going to have a baby?"

The man asked Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh at what I said? Is anything too difficult for God? I tell you, by the time I come back next year, she will have had a son."

Sarah said, "I didn't laugh."

The man said, "Oh yes you did. I heard you. You laughed."

## **Psalm 99**

You are the best, God. You are the King.

See the people shake with excitement and fear.

Watch the ground tremble and hear it rumble.

You are the best and all the people know it.

Can you hear them speak your powerful name with wonder?

**We will let everyone know that you are a great God.**

**We will climb your holy hill to worship you.**

Her is what the people say to you,

"O mighty King, you treat us fairly,

And everyone comes before you as equals."

We recognize how great you are

And give ourselves to serve you.

You are holy and you amaze us.

**We will let everyone know that you are a great God.**

**We will climb your holy hill to worship you.**

Moses and Aaron are your priests,  
Samuel was too.

When they called your name, you answered them.

You talked to them from the pillar made of cloud.

And they walked behind you and followed your path.

You answered their questions; you forgave them,  
but made them accountable for the wrong they had done.

**We will let everyone know that you are a great God.**

**We will climb your holy hill to worship you.**

*People*

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \***  
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

**Matthew 22:15-22**

The Pharisees wanted to trap Jesus into saying something they didn't like. They sent some of their people to follow him. "Teacher," they said, "We know you are a sincere follower of God. Tell us this then: is it against God's law to pay taxes to the emperor of Rome?" Jesus knew they were out to get him. He said, "Why are you setting me up, you hypocrites?" They gave him a coin that he asked to see. He showed it to them and said, "Whose head is this on the coin, and what is his title?" they answered, "It's the emperor's head on that coin." So, Jesus said, "So give to the emperor the things that are his. Give to God the things that belong to God."

"Wow – I guess he told us, didn't he?" They were amazed, had nothing to say after that, and they left him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

V. Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

R. **For you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.**

V. Keep us, O Lord, as the apple of your eye.

R. **Hide us under the shadow of your wings.**

Lord, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy.

*Officiant and People*

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by thy Name, thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.**

*Officiant* Lord, hear our prayer

*People* **And let our cry come to you.**

*Officiant*

Be present, O merciful God, and protect us through the hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of this life may rest in your eternal changelessness through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

O God, your unfailing providence sustains the world we live in and the life we live: Watch over those, both night and day, who work while others sleep, and grant that we may never forget that our common life depends upon each other's toil through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*A moment of silence may be kept.*

*Then time to speak, out loud, free intercessions and thanksgivings.*

*Officiant and People*

**Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.**

**Song of Simeon**

**Lord, you now have set your servant free \***

**to go in peace as you have promised.**

**For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, \***

**whom you have prepared for all the world to see.**

**A Light to enlighten the nations, \***

**and the glory of your people Israel.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \***

**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

**Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.**

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*The Officiant concludes*

The almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us. **Amen.**

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