

The Lay Reader's Script for 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 20th, 2019

Lay Reader: Dr. Wayne Claeren

After the Prelude, please begin the Call to Worship...

Let us begin with our Call to Worship.

One: Guided by the wisdom of the ages,

All: We seek God's path.

One: Stepping forward toward the call,

All: We seek God's ways.

One: Understanding the needs of our hearts and minds,

All: We dwell in God's Word.

One: How sweet is the Word?

All: Sweeter than honey! Alleluia, Amen.

After the Gloria Patri, and after everyone is seated, please say:

“Let us pray our Prayer of Illumination”:

Gracious and Loving God, your words are sweet to the taste, sweeter than honey. Give us ears to hear, for we marvel at your instruction. Inspire our faith and give voice to proclaim your message. Open our eyes, for you alone speak the words of life. Alleluia. Amen.

And now the First Reading, Genesis 32:24-31

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.’

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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.

One: The Word of God for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God.