

SCRIPTURE READINGS

God wants us to know the state of our finances.

“Be sure you know the condition of your flocks,
give careful attention to your herds;
for riches do not endure forever, and a crown
is not secure for all generations” (Prov. 27:23-24)..

FIRST READING

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67

The servant said to Laban, “I am Abraham’s servant. The Lord has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. And Sarah my master’s wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and he has given him all that he has. My master made me swear, saying, ‘You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live; but you shall go to my father’s house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son.’ “I came today to the spring, and said, ‘O Lord, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, “Please give me a little water from your jar to drink,” and who will say to me, “Drink, and I will draw for your camels also” —let her be the woman whom the Lord has appointed for my master’s son.’ “Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, ‘Please let me drink.’ She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, ‘Drink, and I will also water your camels.’ So I drank, and she also watered the camels. Then I asked her, ‘Whose daughter are you?’ She said, ‘The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor’s son, whom Milcah bore to him.’ So I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms. Then I bowed my head and worshiped the Lord, and blessed the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master’s kinsman for his son. Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left.” And they called Rebekah, and said to her, “Will you go with this man?” She said, “I will.” So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham’s servant and his men. And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, “May you, our sister, become thousands of myriads; may your offspring gain possession of the gates of their foes.” Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way. Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi, and was settled in the Negeb. Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming. And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel, and said to the servant, “Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?” The servant said, “It is my master.” So she took her veil and covered herself. And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done.

Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah’s tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother’s death.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

PSALM 45: 11-18

"Hear, O daughter; consider and listen closely; *
forget your people and your father's house.

The king will have pleasure in your beauty; *
he is your master; therefore do him honor.

The people of Tyre are here with a gift; *
the rich among the people seek your favor."

All glorious is the princess as she enters; *
her gown is cloth-of-gold.

In embroidered apparel she is brought to the king; *
after her the bridesmaids follow in procession.

With joy and gladness they are brought, *
and enter into the palace of the king.

"In place of fathers, O king, you shall have sons; *
you shall make them princes over all the earth.

I will make your name to be remembered
from one generation to another; *

therefore nations will praise you for ever and ever."

SECOND READING

Romans 7:15-25a

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

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THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Jesus said to the crowd, “To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, ‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’ For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.” At that time Jesus

said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

**WE REMEMBER BEFORE GOD ALL PEOPLE
THROUGHOUT THE WORLD WHOSE LIVES HAVE BEEN
DISRUPTED BY VIOLENCE OR WAR.**

**WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO WORK FOR PEACE
AND FOR NEW BEGINNINGS.**

- ✧ As we pray, let us remember Roy; Michael; Eddie; all those in the path of wildfires; Sarah & her unborn baby girl; Chris; Anthony; Lisa; Todd; John, Daniel & Adrian; Roger, Libby & their family; Terri; Steve; Matt; John; Angie; Annette; Bob; Cathy; Jazylynn; Noel; Rosa; the women in Perryville & all those affected by incarceration; Natalie & Patricia; Bill; Cameron & his family; Randall; Connie; Virginia & her family; Lori; Hollis & Denise; Jim; Helen; Nat; Keira.

Our altar flowers are given by
Nat Harmon
In memory of brother Bill Harmon
and by John & Sherrill Adkins
In celebration of our 34th wedding anniversary

ANNOUNCEMENTS

~ **WHAT'S GOING ON WITH FTTA** ~

- ◆ Sunday, July 23, 6 PM—Another great night of jazz featuring the Geibral Elisha Movement with Geibral Elisha at the keyboard, Teron J. Rushing, drums and Stephen Orsini, bass. See the insert in today's bulletin!
- ◆ Our next exhibit will feature the art work of Chuck Brothers. The Meet the Artist wine and cheese reception will be August 5 at 6:30p.m. Dan Basche will be on hand to introduce his good friend, Chuck. Chuck has won many awards including the Prescott Art Festival.
- ◆ This is advance notice so your can mark your calendars! September 16 we will have the *Baile Forklorico de Niños* (Forklore Youth Dancers). More information about this event will be issued nearer the date.

**PLEASE JOIN US
REFUGEE MINISTRY**

INFORMATION FROM ROSE HARTLEY:

We are hosting a luncheon on Friday, July 28 for Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest and representatives from other churches who have co-sponsored Refugee Families. We will have dialogue about our experiences and share best practices. Delegates to this gathering were selected at our last meeting. I look forward to this conversation.

I need help with the Luncheon:

- * three or four people to help serve the lunch
- * people to bring food: salads, fruit, snack trays & desserts

There is a sign-up sheet on the Vestry Table in the Parish Hall. For additional information: Rose Hartley / 602-919-0572 or rhartley@goodmans.com

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Today	Nursery care	7:45–11:15 AM
	Holy Eucharist Rite I	8 AM
	Holy Eucharist Rite II	10 AM
Tue.	Chris Becker Dining Hall	4:10 PM
	Old Testament in Review/Bible Study	6 PM
Wed.	Holy Eucharist Rite II	6:30 PM
	Stewardship Meeting	7:15 PM
Fri.	Cursillo Eucharist	6-9 PM
Sat.	Men's Fellowship, Breakfast & Study	8 AM
	Women Unlimited (CH 4 & 5)	9 AM
Sun.	Nursery care	7:45–11:15 AM
	Holy Eucharist Rite I	8 AM
	Holy Eucharist Rite II	10 AM

FOOD PANTRY
cereal, canned tuna or chicken;
canned soup; applesauce;
shampoo; bottled water

BLESSING BAGS
Travel size or individually wrapped please
bottled water; candy (no chocolate);
Cheez-it crackers; chips;
cracker & cheese packets
Pop tarts