

A reading from Genesis chapter 25 verses 19 through 28. You can find the reading on page 19 in your pew Bible.

These are the generations of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham fathered Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he took Rebekah, the daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, the sister of Laban the Aramean, to be his wife. And Isaac prayed to the LORD for his wife, because she was barren. And the LORD granted his prayer, and Rebekah his wife conceived. The children struggled together within her, and she said, "If it is thus, why is this happening to me?" So she went to inquire of the LORD. And the LORD said to her,

"Two nations are in your womb,
and two peoples from within you shall be divided;
the one shall be stronger than the other,
the older shall serve the younger."

When her days to give birth were completed, behold, there were twins in her womb. The first came out red, all his body like a hairy cloak, so they called his name Esau. Afterward his brother came out with his hand holding Esau's heel, so his name was called Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them.

When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, dwelling in tents. Isaac loved Esau because he ate of his game, but Rebekah loved Jacob.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Please join me in praying Psalm 116.

Leader: What shall I render to the LORD
for all his benefits to me?

**People: I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the LORD,**

Leader: I will pay my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all his people.

**People: Precious in the sight of the LORD
is the death of his saints.**

Leader: O LORD, I am your servant;
I am your servant, the son of your maidservant.
You have loosed my bonds.

**People: I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call on the name of the LORD.**

Leader: I will pay my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all his people,

**People: in the courts of the house of the LORD,
in your midst, O Jerusalem.**

All: Praise the LORD!

**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.***

Leader: Please stand for the reading of the Gospel.

(allow them time to stand)

**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Mark.**

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

They went on from there and passed through Galilee. And he did not want anyone to know, for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him. And when he is killed, after three days he will rise." But they did not understand the saying, and were afraid to ask him.

And they came to Capernaum. And when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you discussing on the way?" But they kept silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. And he sat down and called the twelve. And he said to them, "If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all." And he took a child and put him in the midst of them, and taking him in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me."

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.