

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.

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### Refrain

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Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me  
under the shadow of your wings.

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#### **Psalms 17:1-7, 16** *from the Book of Common Prayer*

- 1 Hear my plea of innocence, O LORD; give heed to my cry; \* listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.
- 2 Let my vindication come forth from your presence; \* let your eyes be fixed on justice.
- 3 Weigh my heart, summon me by night, \* melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.
- 4 I give no offense with my mouth as others do; \* I have heeded the words of your lips.
- 5 My footsteps hold fast to the ways of your law; \* in your paths my feet shall not stumble.
- 6 I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me; \* incline your ear to me and hear my words.
- 7 Show me your marvelous loving-kindness, \*

O Savior of those who  
take refuge at your right  
hand from those who  
rise up against them.

16 But at my vindication  
I shall see your face; \*  
when I awake, I shall be  
satisfied, beholding your  
likeness.

#### SECOND READING: Romans 9:1-5

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 forever. Amen.

#### GOSPEL: Matthew 14:13-21

JESUS 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