

*The Lay Reader's Script for the 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*October 11, 2015*

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

**One: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights! Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!**

**All:** Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars! Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

**One: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for he commanded and they were created.**

**All:** Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth! Young men and women alike, old and young together!

**One: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.**

After the Gloria Patri, and after everyone is seated, please say...**“Let us pray our Prayer for Illumination”:**

**God of the prophets and apostles, whose Spirit is working peace among us: You have called us to be Your holy people, and invited us to break bread in common faith. We thank you for every word or deed that makes unity in the church; for open minds and hearts; for patient understanding. Above all, we thank You for Your Son, who prays for us; that we may be one in faith with each other, serving Him who is our head, Christ the Lord and Savior. Amen.**

*And now the First Reading from The Acts of the Apostles, Chapter 11: “Peter is given a vision from heaven of all sorts of animals let down in a sheet. He is told to prepare the animals for food. “Nothing I have made is unclean,” Peter is told.”:*

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, ‘Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?’ Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ‘I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet

coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, “Get up, Peter; kill and eat.” But I replied, “By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.”

**One: The Word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.**