



Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Year A

Genesis 29:15-28 and Psalm 105:1-11, 45b or Psalm 128 1

Kings 3:5-12 and Psalm 119:129-136

Romans 8:26-39 • Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

... Jacob served seven years for Rachel,
and they seemed to him but a few days
because of his love for her.

Genesis 29:20



Jacob and Rachel at the Well -- F. Antolínez y Sarabia, El Paso Museum of Art, El Paso, TX

Seek the LORD and his strength;
seek his presence continually.

Psalm 105:4

Jacob Tending
Flock

Jose de Ribera
El Escorial
Madrid, Spain



"Give your servant ... an understanding
mind to govern your people, able to
discern between good and evil ..."

1 Kings 3:9a

A Choice

Lauren Wright Pittman
Liturgical artist



The unfolding of your words gives light;
it imparts understanding ...

Psalms 119:130a



Light, Love, Life -- Louis Comfort Tiffany, Yale University, New Haven, CT

For I am convinced that neither death,
nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor
things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, ...

Romans 8:38a

... nor height, nor depth, nor anything
else in all creation will be able to
separate us from the love of God in
Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:38b

What Wondrous Love is This

Mike Moyers
Nashville, TN



"The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed ... it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs ... "

Matthew 13:31b, 32a



Parable of the Mustard Seed -- YMCA Training Center, Kassel, Germany

"The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

Matthew 13:33b

The Art of Making
Bread

Tikal, Guatemala



"The kingdom of heaven is like
treasure hidden in a field, which a man
found and reburied..."

Matthew 13:44a



The Hidden Treasure -- Workshop of Rembrandt, Museum of Fine Arts, Budapest, Hungary

"... then in his joy he goes and sells
all that he has and buys that field."

Matthew 13:44b



Parable of the Hidden Treasure -- JESUS MAFA, Cameroon

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it."

Matthew 13:45-46

Pearl of Great Price

John Everett Millais
from Parables of Our
Lord



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