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 the love he had 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 ...
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 8:38
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 8:38
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 someone found and hid ...

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 13:46
Pearl of Great Price

John Everett Millais from Parables of Our Lord
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