Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Year A

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28 and Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b
1 Kings 19:9-18 and Psalm 85:8-13 • Romans 10:5-15
Matthew 14:22-33
This is the story of the family of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers...and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father.

Genesis 37:2ac
But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him.

Genesis 37:4
They said to one another, “Here comes this dreamer ... let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; ... we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him ... "

Genesis 37:19, 20a
Joseph the Dreamer

Well Mural
Bakewell, England
Reuben said to them, "Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him" ...

Genesis 37:22a
Rueben Saves Joseph

Biblia Pauperum
German, before 1700
Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh." And his brothers agreed.

Genesis 37:27
Joseph Sold into Slavery -- Karoly Ferenczy, Hungarian National Gallery, Budapest
He had sent a man ahead of them, Joseph, who was sold as a slave.

Psalm 105:17
His feet were hurt with fetters, his neck was put in a collar of iron;

Psalm 105:18b
Slavery Memorial Monument, Stone Town, Zanzibar, Tanzania
Now there was a great wind ... but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake;

1 Kings 19:11b
Earthquake Destruction 2010, Port-au-Prince, Haiti
and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence.

1 Kings 19:12
Caring for Sleeping Brother

Haitian 2010 Earthquake Refugees
Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

Psalm 85:10
Kiss of Peace

Julia Margaret Cameron
Royal Photographic Society
Bath, England
"The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" ...
Christ Mosaic -- Sacred Heart Cathedral, Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia
Virgin of Guadeloupe and Peace Doves  --  Unidentified mural artist
And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea.

Matthew 14:25
Disciples See Christ
Walking on the Water

Henry Ossawa Tanner
Art Center
Des Moines, IA
But when the disciples saw him ... they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!"

Matthew 14:26
Christ Walking on the Water -- Julius Sergius Von Klever
But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

Matthew 14:27
Jesus -- Cheryl Johnson
Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water."

Matthew 14:28
Peter on the Water -- Church of St. Peter the Younger, Strasbourg, France
But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!"

Matthew 14:30
Peter’s Rescue (detail) -- Herbert Boeckl, Cathedral of Maria Saal, Carinthia, Austria
Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?"

Matthew 14:31
Christ Rescues Peter -- Mosaic, Church of St. Peter, Hamburg, Germany
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