Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Year A

Exodus 14:19-31 and Psalm 114 or Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21 •
Genesis 50:15-21 and Psalm 103:(1-7), 8-13
Romans 14:1-12 • Matthew 18:21-35
Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back ... and the waters were divided.

Exodus 14:21ac
Early Christian Sarcophagus -- Musee d'Arles Antique, Arles France
The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Exodus 14:22
Thus the LORD saved Israel that day ...

Exodus 14:30a
Star of David -- Fourth century C.E., Byzantine Basilica, Shilo, Israel
Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in her hand; and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing.

Exodus 15:20
The Prophet Miriam

St. Edmundsbury Cathedral
Bury St. Edmonds, England
Psalm 114:5a, 6

Why is it, O sea, that you flee?
O mountains, that you skip like rams?
O hills, like lambs?
A Rocky Mountain Sheep, Ovis, Montana -- Albert Bierstadt, lithograph
The LORD is merciful and gracious … He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

Psalm 103:8a, 10
Merciful Mother

Multi-media
As a father has compassion for his children, so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him.

Psalm 103:13
Untitled

Jackson Pollack,
Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, NY
Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister?

Romans 14:10
History of Los Angeles Mural, detail of one section, Los Angeles, CA
Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?"
"It is easier to forgive an enemy than to forgive a friend..."
from *Jerusalem*

William Blake
Yale Center for British Art
New Haven, CT
Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

Matthew 18:22
And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt.

Matthew 18:27
St. Lawrence Distributing the Riches of the Church -- Master of the Osservanza, National Gallery, Washington, DC
But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves ... and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.'

Matthew 18:28ac
Notice of Sale of Poor Persons

Prairietown
Butler, OH
Then his lord summoned him and said to him ... Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?

Matthew 18:32a, 33
National Shrine of Divine Mercy
Marilao, Philippines
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