Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

Year A

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25 and Psalm 78:1-7 • Wisdom of Solomon 6:12-16 or Amos 5:18-24 and Wisdom of Solomon 6:17-20 or Psalm 70 • 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Matthew 25:1-13
Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them ...
Budding Growth from the Ark of the Covenant

Museum Meermanno Westreenianum
The Hague, Netherlands
We will tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD ... so that they should set their hope in God ...

Psalm 78:4b, 7a
But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an everflowing stream.

Amos 5:24
"Let Justice Roll Down Like Waters" -- Houston Conwill, MLK Memorial, San Francisco, CA
But I am poor and needy; hasten to me, O God! You are my help and my deliverer; O LORD, do not delay!

Psalm 70:5
Cancelled – Follow Your Dreams -- Mural by Banksy, Boston, MA
Then we ... will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever.

1 Thessalonians 4:17ac
Meeting God

Mural in Dome of Cathedral
Dakar, Senegal
"... the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom.

Matthew 25:1
The Ten Bridesmaids -- JESUS MAFA, Cameroon
As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept.

Matthew 25:5
The Bridesmaids Sleeping -- Stained Glass, Church of St. Giles, Oxford, England
But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.'

Matthew 25:6
The Bridesmaids -- James Tissot, Brooklyn Museum, New York, NY
Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Matthew 25:13
Lunchtime Rest -- William H. Johnson, Smithsonian Museum of American Art, Washington, DC
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