Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

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for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water, and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that can hold no water.

Jeremiah 2:13
Construction of Water Pump for Well -- North Darfur, Sudan
Sing aloud to God our strength; shout for joy to the God of Jacob ... Open your mouth wide and I will fill it ... with honey from the rock ...

Psalm 81:1, 10b, 16b
Sweet Honey in the Rock, African-American Gospel choir
Happy are those who fear the LORD ... They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright; they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.

Psalm 112:1b, 4
Blessed are the Merciful

Arlington Street Church
Boston, MA
Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.

Hebrews 13:2
Abraham, Sarah, and the Visitors at Mamre -- Marc Chagall, Musée du Message Biblique, Nice, France
"The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid."

Hebrews 13:6b
On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

Luke 14:1
Pharisees, detail from John the Baptist Bearing Witness  --  Francesco Granacci, Met Museum, New York
He said ... to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors ... 

Luke 14:12a
Guests, detail, Banquet of Herod

Pedro G. Benabarre
National Art Museum of Catalonia
Barcelona, Spain
But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind.

Luke 14:13
The Poor Invited to the Feast -- JESUS MAFA, Cameroon
And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

Luke 14:14
Waiting for the Blessing -- Mycola Pymonenko, Rybinsk Museum, Rybinsk, Russia
For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

Luke 14:11
Among the Humble

Leon Lhermitte
Met Museum
New York
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