



# Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

*Year C*

Jeremiah 18:1-11 and Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 • Deuteronomy  
30:15-20 and Psalm 1 • Philemon 1:1-21 • Luke 14:25-33

I went down to the potter's house ...  
The vessel he was making of clay was  
spoiled ... and he reworked it into  
another vessel, as seemed good to him.

Jeremiah 18:3a, 4ac



Potter Herman Kahler -- Laurits Ring, Randers Museum of Art, Jutland, Denmark

Can I not do with you, O house of  
Israel, just as this potter has done?  
... Just like the clay in the potter's  
hand, so are you in my hand ...

Jeremiah 18:6

Hand of God

Auguste Rodin  
RISD Museum  
Providence, RI



You know when I sit down and  
when I rise up; you discern my  
thoughts from far away. Even  
before a word is on my tongue,  
O LORD, you know it completely.

Psalm 139:2, 4

For Only One Short  
Hour, or, The  
Seamstress

Anna Blunden  
Yale Centre for British  
Art  
New Haven, CT



How weighty to me are your thoughts,  
O God! ... I try to count them -- they  
are more than the sand; I come to the  
end -- I am still with you.

Psalm 139:17a, 18



St. Francis in the  
Desert, detail

Giovanni Bellini  
Frick Collection  
New York, NY



Choose life ... loving the LORD your  
God, obeying him, and holding fast  
to him ...

Deuteronomy 30:19b,  
20a



The Picnic -- Maurice Prendergast, Phillips Collection, Washington, DC

Happy are those who do not ...sit in  
the seat of scoffers ... their delight is  
in the law of the LORD, and on his  
law they meditate day and night.

Psalm 1:1ac, 2

Woman Reading

Pieter Elinga  
Alte Pinakotek  
Munich, Germany



though I am bold enough in Christ  
to command you to do your duty,  
... I would rather appeal to you on  
the basis of love ...

Philemon 1:8b, 9a



"Choose Love Over Fear..." Desmond Tutu

I am appealing to you for my child,  
Onesimus, whose father I have  
become during my imprisonment.

Philemon 1:10



# ONESMUS BOYS CENTRE

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Sign from Onesimus Boys Centre -- Mombasa, Kenya

I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you ... no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother ...

Philemon 1:12, 16a



Two Brothers -- Arthur Dove, Honolulu Museum of Art, Honolulu, HI

Now large crowds were traveling with him; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother,

Luke 14:25a, 26a

wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple.

Luke 14:26b

Crowd  
Listening, detail  
from Sermon  
on the Mount

Henrik Olrik  
Sankt  
Matthaeus  
Kirke  
Copenhagen,  
Denmark



Whoever does not carry the cross  
and follow me cannot be my disciple.

Luke 14:27



Simon of Cyrene Helps Christ, Stations of the Cross -- Good Shepherd Church, Cedar Hill, TX



So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

Luke 14:33



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