

## BIBLE READINGS - August 13, 2023

New English Translation

Psalm 85:8-13

I will listen to what God the LORD says.

For he will make peace with his people, his faithful followers.

Yet they must not return to their foolish ways.

<sup>9</sup> Certainly his loyal followers will soon experience his deliverance; then his splendor will again appear in our land.

<sup>10</sup> Loyal love and faithfulness meet; deliverance and peace greet each other with a kiss.

<sup>11</sup> Faithfulness grows from the ground, and deliverance looks down from the sky.

<sup>12</sup> Yes, the LORD will bestow his good blessings, and our land will yield its crops.

<sup>13</sup> Deliverance goes before him, and prepares a pathway for him.

### Matthew 14:22-33

<sup>22</sup> Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go ahead of him to the other side, while he dispersed the crowds. <sup>23</sup> And after he sent the crowds away, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone.

<sup>24</sup> Meanwhile the boat, already far from land was taking a beating from the waves because the wind was against it. <sup>25</sup> As the night was ending, Jesus came to them walking on the sea.

<sup>26</sup> When the disciples saw him walking on the water they were terrified and said, "It's a ghost!" and cried out with fear. <sup>27</sup> But immediately Jesus spoke to them: "Have courage! It is I. Do not be afraid."

<sup>28</sup> Peter said to him, "Lord, if it is you, order me to come to you on the water." <sup>29</sup> So he said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat, walked on the water, and came toward Jesus. <sup>30</sup> But when he saw the strong wind he became afraid. And starting to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" <sup>31</sup> Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?"

<sup>32</sup> When they went up into the boat, the wind ceased. <sup>33</sup> Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."