

BIBLE READINGS - July 22, 2023
Revised Standard Version

Psalm 86:11-17

¹¹ Teach me thy way, O LORD, that I may walk in thy truth;
unite my heart to fear thy name.

¹² I give thanks to thee, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,
and I will glorify thy name for ever.

¹³ For great is thy steadfast love toward me;
thou hast delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.

¹⁴ O God, insolent men have risen up against me; a band of ruthless men seek my
life, and they do not set thee before them.

¹⁵ But thou, O Lord, art a God merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

¹⁶ Turn to me and take pity on me; give thy strength to thy servant,
and save the son of thy handmaid.

¹⁷ Show me a sign of thy favor, that those who hate me may see and be put to shame
because thou, LORD, hast helped me and comforted me.

Matthew 13:24-33

The Parable of Weeds among the Wheat

²⁴ Another parable he put before them, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field; ²⁵ but while men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. ²⁶ So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. ²⁷ And the servants^[a] of the householder came and said to him, ‘Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then has it weeds?’ ²⁸ He said to them, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The servants^[b] said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ ²⁹ But he said, ‘No; lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. ³⁰ Let both grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’”

The Parable of the Mustard Seed

³¹ Another parable he put before them, saying, “The kingdom of heaven is like a grain of mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field; ³² it is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

The Parable of the Yeast

³³ He told them another parable. “The kingdom of heaven is like leaven which a woman took and hid in three measures of flour, till it was all leavened.”