Third Sunday after Pentecost

Year B

1 Samuel 15:34 - 16:13 and Psalm 20
Ezekiel 17:22-24 and Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15
2 Corinthians 5:6-10, (11-13), 14-17 • Mark 4:26-34

The LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." … and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward.

1 Samuel 16:13

Samuel Anoints David -- Castra center, Haifa, Israel

Some take pride in chariots, and some in horses, but our pride is in the name of the LORD our God.

Psalm 20:7

Celebration -- John August Swanson, Serigraph, 2009

Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will take a sprig … in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar.

Ezekiel 17:22a, 23a

Pilgrimage to the Cedar of Lebanon

Tivadar Kosztka, Hungarian National Gallery Budapest, Hungary

Under it every kind of bird will live;
in the shade of its branches will nest
winged creatures of every kind.

Ezekiel 17:23b

Early Christian Bird Mosaic -- 4th c. Mausoleum of Santa Costanza, Rome , Italy

It is good to give thanks to the LORD … to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night …

Psalm 92:1a, 2

Cowboy at Prayer -- Clayton, NM

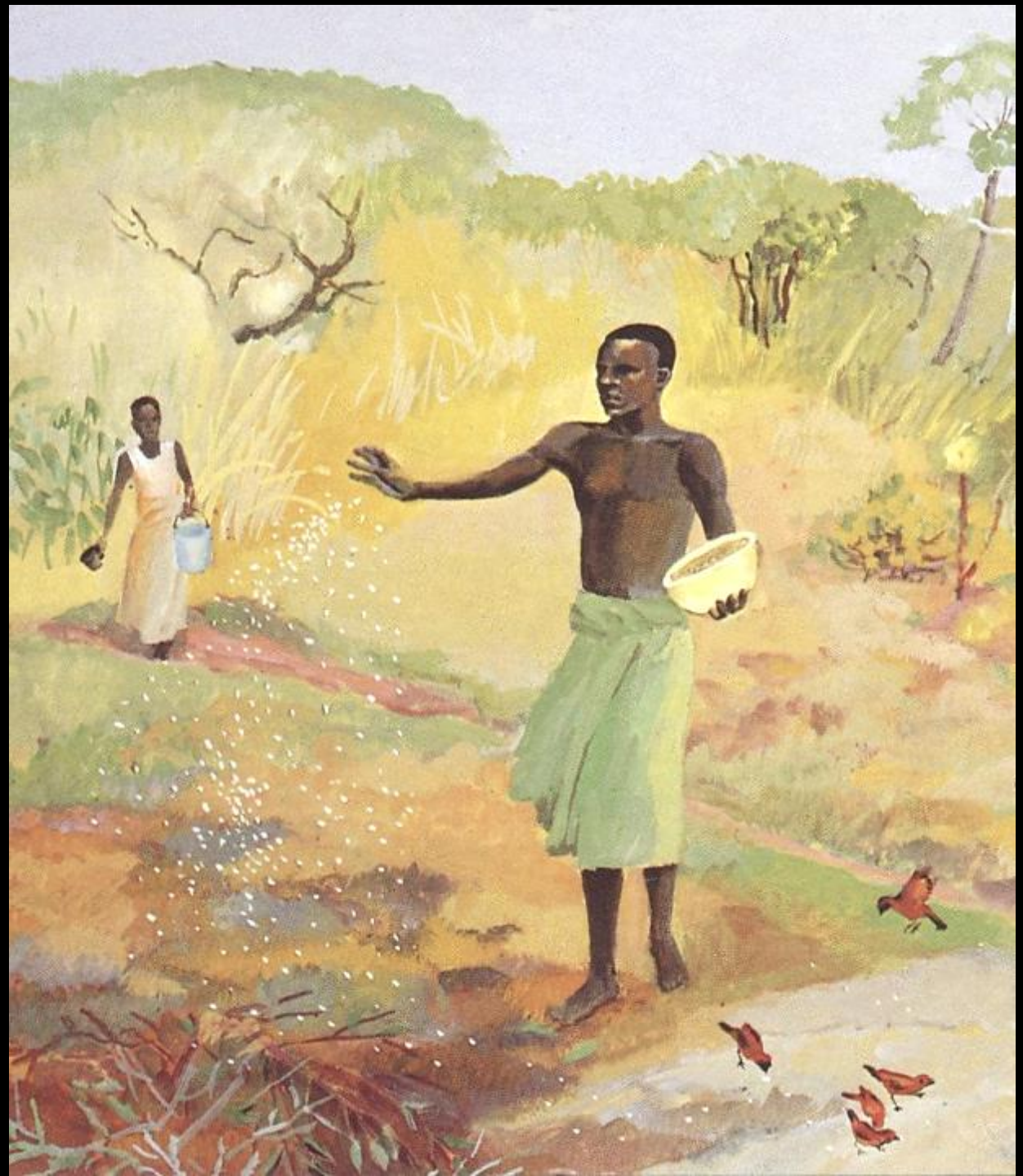
So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

2 Corinthians 5:17

In the Beginning -- Mike Chapman, Church of St. Martin in the Fields, London, England

"The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground …

Mark 4:26a



The Sower

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The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head.

Mark 4:28

Kansas Summer Wheat -- James Swanson, photographer

But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

Mark 4:29

Harvesters -- Pieter Brueghel, Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, NY

It is like a mustard seed, which,
when sown upon the ground, is the
smallest of all the seeds on earth;

Mark 4:31

Parable of the Mustard Seed -- Window at the YMCA training center, Kassel, Germany

yet when it is sown it grows up … and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

Mark 4:32

Jan Bruegel -- Paradise, Gemaldegalerie, Berlin, Germany

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it.

Mark 4:33

Potluck -- David Fitcher, Mural, Cambridge, MA

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