

# Third Sunday of Advent *Year A*

Isaiah 35:1-10 • Psalm 146:5-10 or Luke 1:46b-55 • James 5:7-10  
Matthew 11:2-11

The wilderness and the dry land shall  
be glad, the desert shall rejoice and  
blossom...

Isaiah 35:1ab



John the Baptist in  
the Wilderness  
  
Hieronymus Bosch  
Museum of Lazaro  
Galdiano  
Madrid, Spain

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped.

Isaiah 35:5



Healing the Sick -- Ulrich Henn, St. James Cathedral, Seattle, WA

And the ransomed of the LORD shall  
return, and come to Zion with singing...

Isaiah 35:10a



Ethiopian Orthodox Choir -- Paint on stretched leather

...come to Zion with singing;  
everlasting joy shall be upon  
their heads...

Isaiah 35:1ab



A Mighty Fortress is Our  
God

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...hope is in the LORD...who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry.

Psalm 146:7a



St. Lawrence Distributing the Riches of the Church -- Bernardo Strozzi, St. Louis Art Museum

The LORD watches over the strangers;  
he upholds the orphan and the widow...

Psalm 146:9a



Widow Costard's  
cow and goods,  
distrainted for  
taxes, are  
redeemed by the  
generosity of  
Johnny Pearmain

Edward Penney  
Yale Center for  
British Art

"My soul magnifies the Lord, and  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior..."

Luke 1:46b-47



The Annunciation -- JESUS MAFA, Cameroon

Annunciation to the Virgin  
Mary

Jacopo da Pontormo, Chiesa  
da Santa Felicita  
Florence, Italy





Annunciation -- Henry Ossawa Tanner, Philadelphia Museum of Art



Annunciation to  
Mary

L. O. Fakeye, photo  
of carved panel  
from National  
Archives



Madonna of the Magnificat -- Botticelli, Uffizi, Florence, Italy

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains.

James 5:7



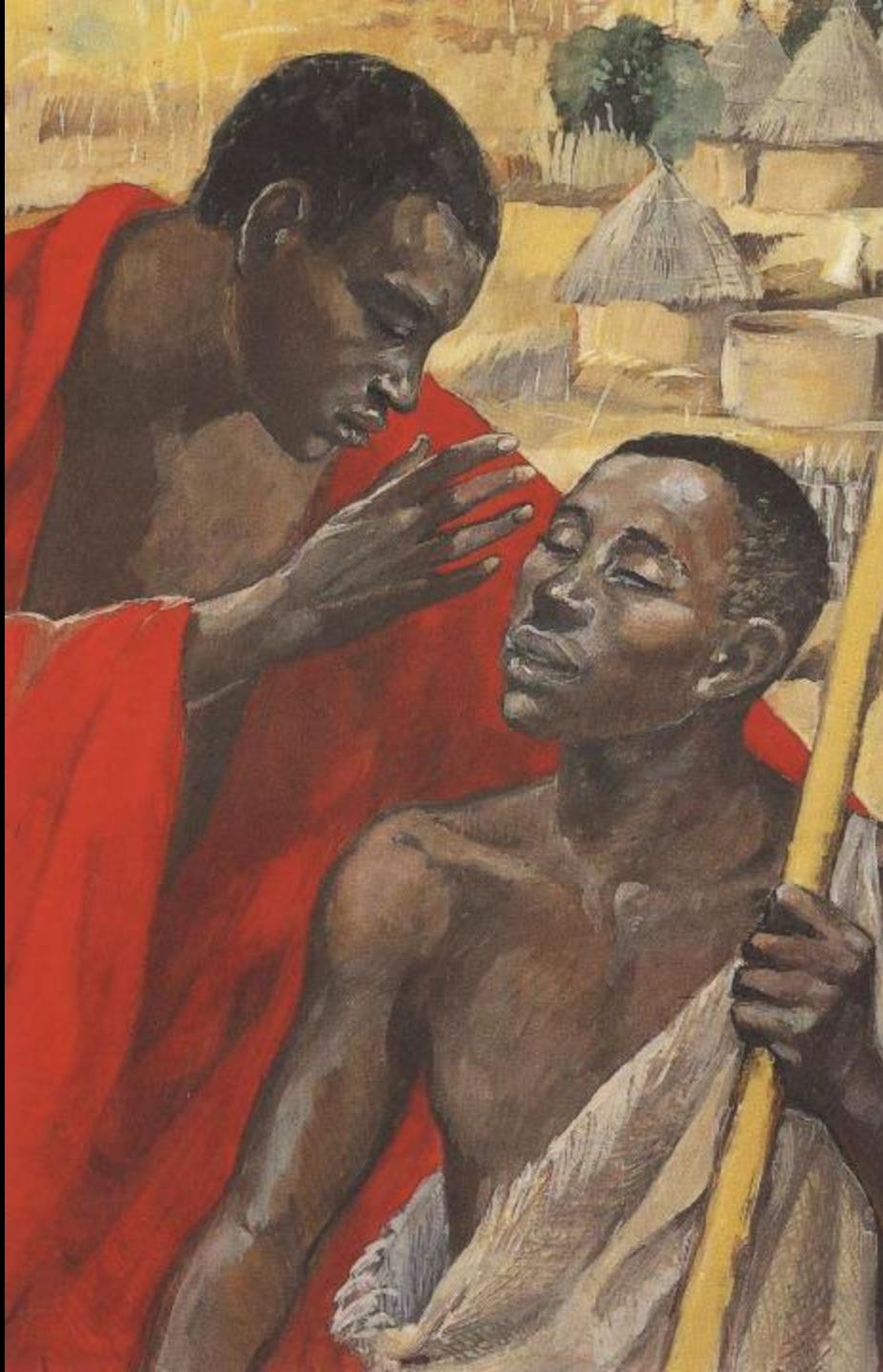
Wheat Field in Rain -- Vincent van Gogh, Philadelphia Museum of Art

the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them.

Matthew 11:5

Jesus Cures the Man Born Blind

JESUS MAFA  
Cameroon



Healing of the Leper

Basilica of St. Francis  
of the Leper  
Caninde, Brazil



Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

Matthew 11:11



John the Baptist

Aleksandr Ivanov  
Tretyakov Gallery  
Moscow, Russia

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