



Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Year A

Exodus 16:2-15 and Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45 • Jonah 3:10-4:11
and Psalm 145:1-8 • Philippians 1:21-30 • Matthew 20:1-16

The LORD spoke to Moses and said,
"I have heard the complaining of
the Israelites; say to them ...

Exodus 16:11, 12a

in the morning you shall have your fill
of bread" ... and in the morning there
was a layer of dew around the camp.

Exodus 16:12b, 13b



Moses and the Israelites -- Slovenia Ethnographic Museum, Ljubljana, Slovenia

When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.

Exodus 16:15ac



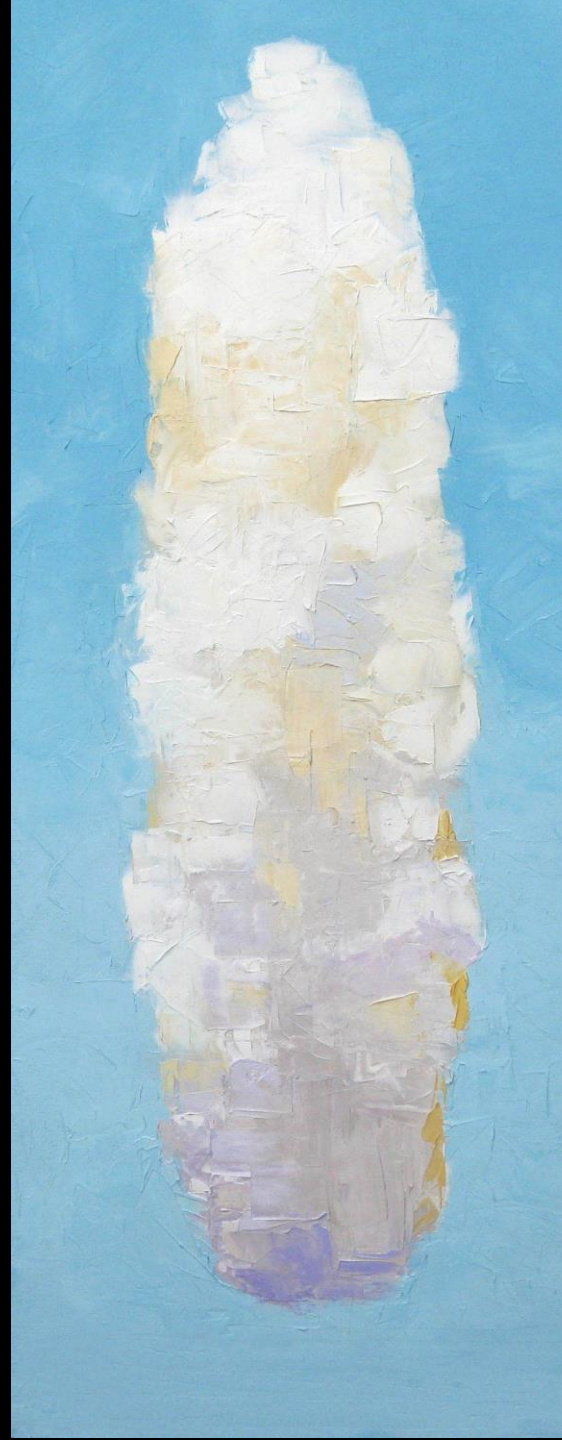
"Manna 1" -- An aerial view of the North Carolina Baptist Men's disaster kitchens, Texas floods

He spread a cloud for a covering,
and fire to give light by night.

Psalm 105:39

Guidance Day and
Night

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When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity; and he did not do it.

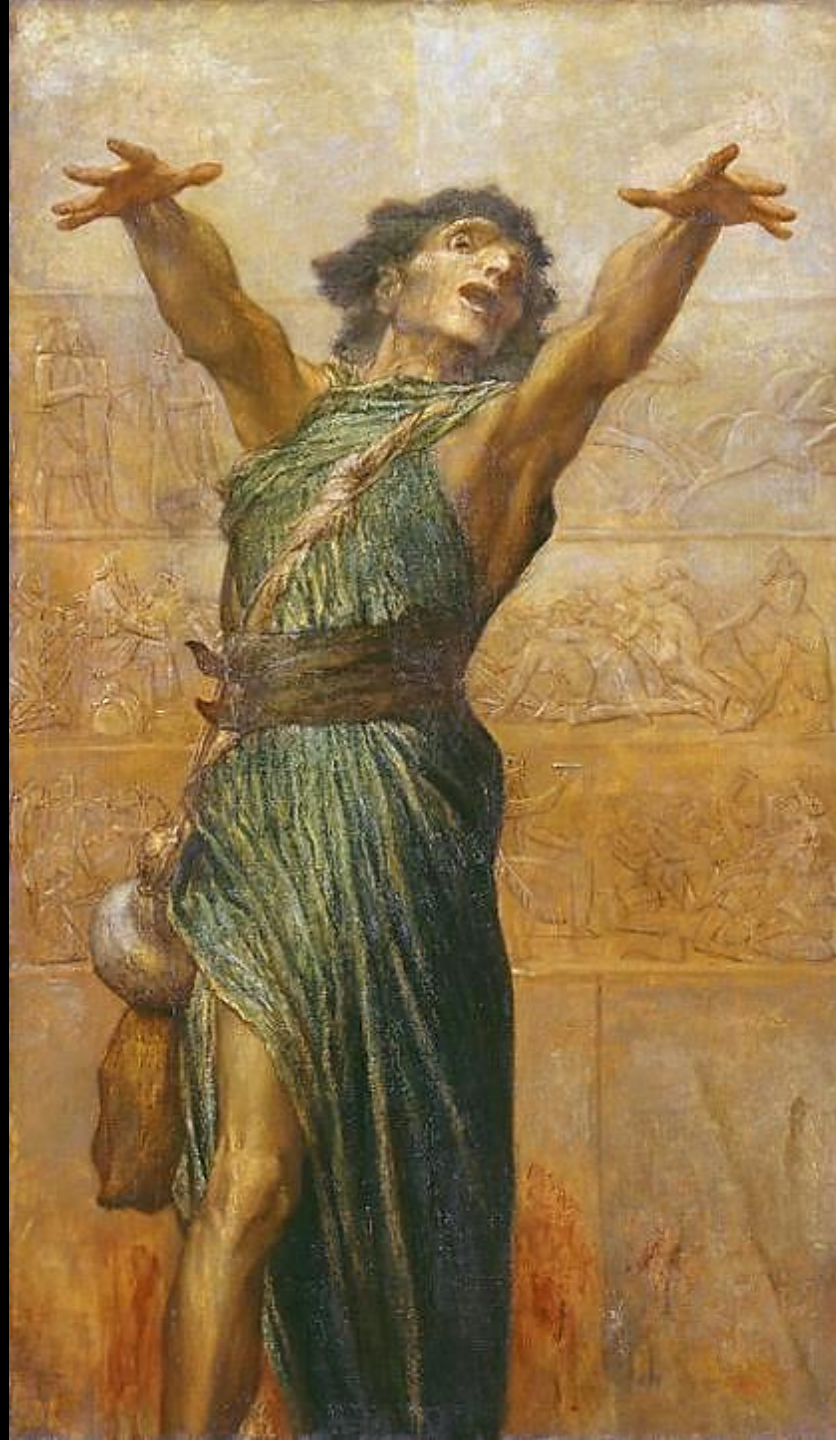
Jonah 3:10ac

But this was very displeasing to Jonah,
and he became angry.

Jonah 4:1

Jonah

George Frederick Watts
Tate Britain
London, England



"O LORD, please take my life from me,
for it is better for me to die than to
live."

Jonah 4:3

Prophet Jonah Before
the Walls of Ninevah

Rembrandt
Albertina Museum
Vienna, Austria



The LORD is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in
steadfast love.

Psalm 145:8

Angelus Novus

Paul Klee
Israel Museum
Jerusalem



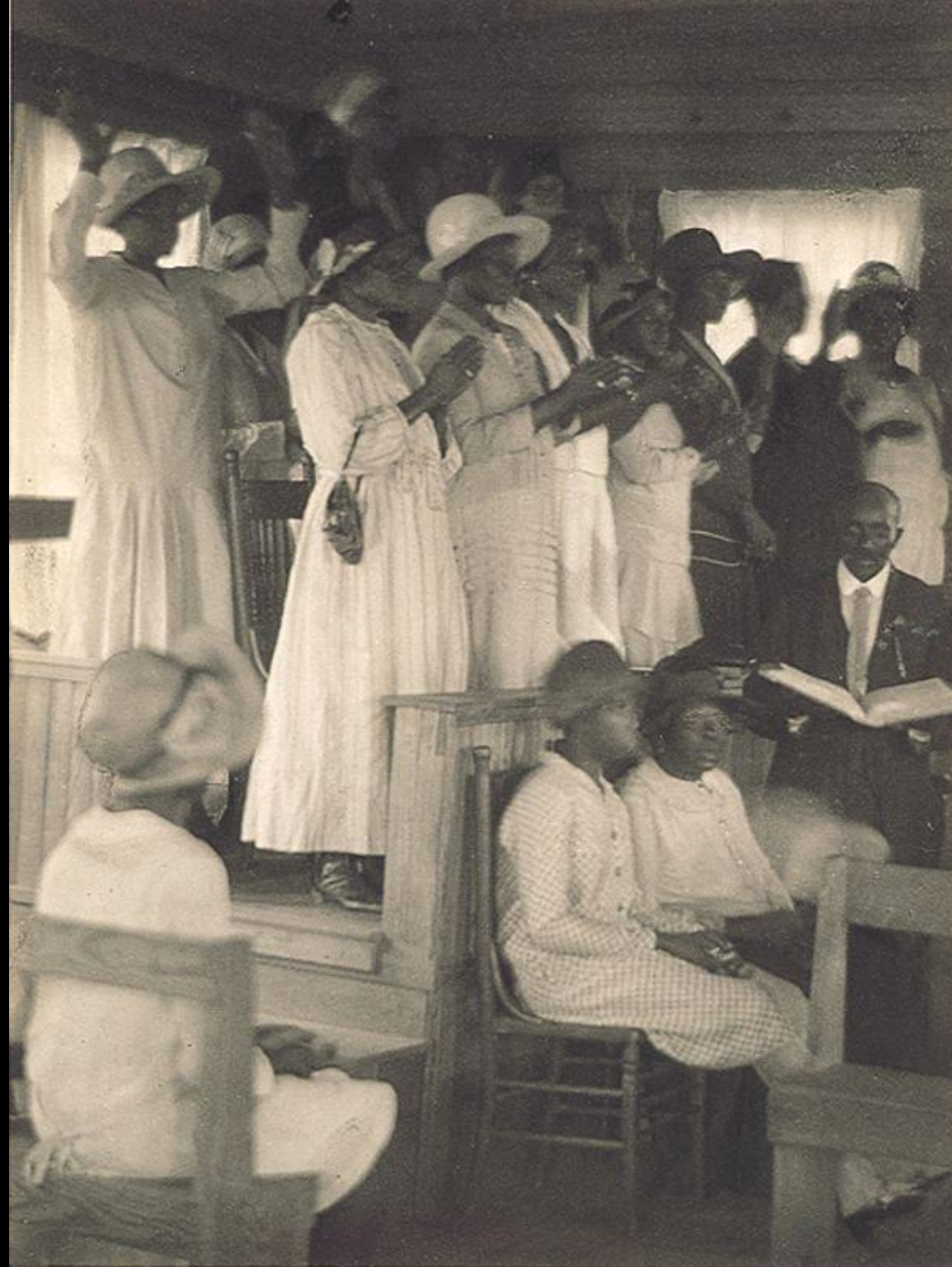
Angelus novus (1920/32)

... live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that ... I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit ...

Philippians 1:27ab

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"For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard.

Matthew 20:1



Day Laborers Brought In By Truck From Nearby Towns, 1939 -- Marion Post Wolcott

When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage.

Matthew 20:9



Orthodox Icon of Laborers in the Vineyard

Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage.

Matthew 20:10

'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.'

Matthew 20:12



Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard -- Christian Dietrich, Baths Palace, Warsaw, Poland

But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage?'

Matthew 20:13

Am I not allowed to do what I choose
with what belongs to me? Or are you
envious because I am generous?'

Matthew 20:15

So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

Matthew 20:16



Dorothy Day with Homeless Christ -- Kelly Latimore

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