

A painting depicting two men in a landscape. One man, on the left, is kneeling in a dark, heavy robe, looking towards the other man. The second man, on the right, stands in a dark, heavy robe with a white inner garment, looking back at the kneeling man. The background shows a hilly landscape with a body of water and a stone wall in the foreground. The overall tone is somber and contemplative.

Second Sunday in Lent

Year A

Genesis 12:1-4a • Psalm 121 • Romans 4:1-5, 13-17
John 3:1-17 or *Matthew 17:1-9*

Now the LORD said to Abram,
“...in you all the families of the earth
shall be blessed.”

Genesis 12:1a, 3b



The Calling of Abraham -- Abbey of Saint-Savin, Vienne, France

I lift up my eyes to the hills-- from
where will my help come?
My help comes from the LORD, who
made heaven and earth.

Psalm 121:1-2



Mountain Landscape -- Hercules Brabazon, Phillips Collection, Washington, DC

The LORD will keep your going out and
your coming in from this time on and
forevermore.

Psalm 121:8



Mother and Child

Maurice Glickman
U.S. Department of the Interior
Washington, DC

For the promise...did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith.

Romans 4:13



Allegory of Faith

Johannes Vermeer
Metropolitan
Museum of Art
New York City

Now there was a Pharisee named
Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews.

John 3:1



Christ Instructing
Nicodemus (detail)
Jacob Jordaens
Royal Museum
Brussels, Belgium

He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God."

John 3:2



Christ and Nicodemus

James Tissot
Brooklyn Museum
New York, NY

Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above."

John 3:3



Nicodemus and Christ -- Fritz von Uhde

Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?"

John 3:4



Nicodemus and Jesus on a Rooftop -- Henry Ossawa Tanner, Philadelphia Museum of Art

Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit."

John 3:5

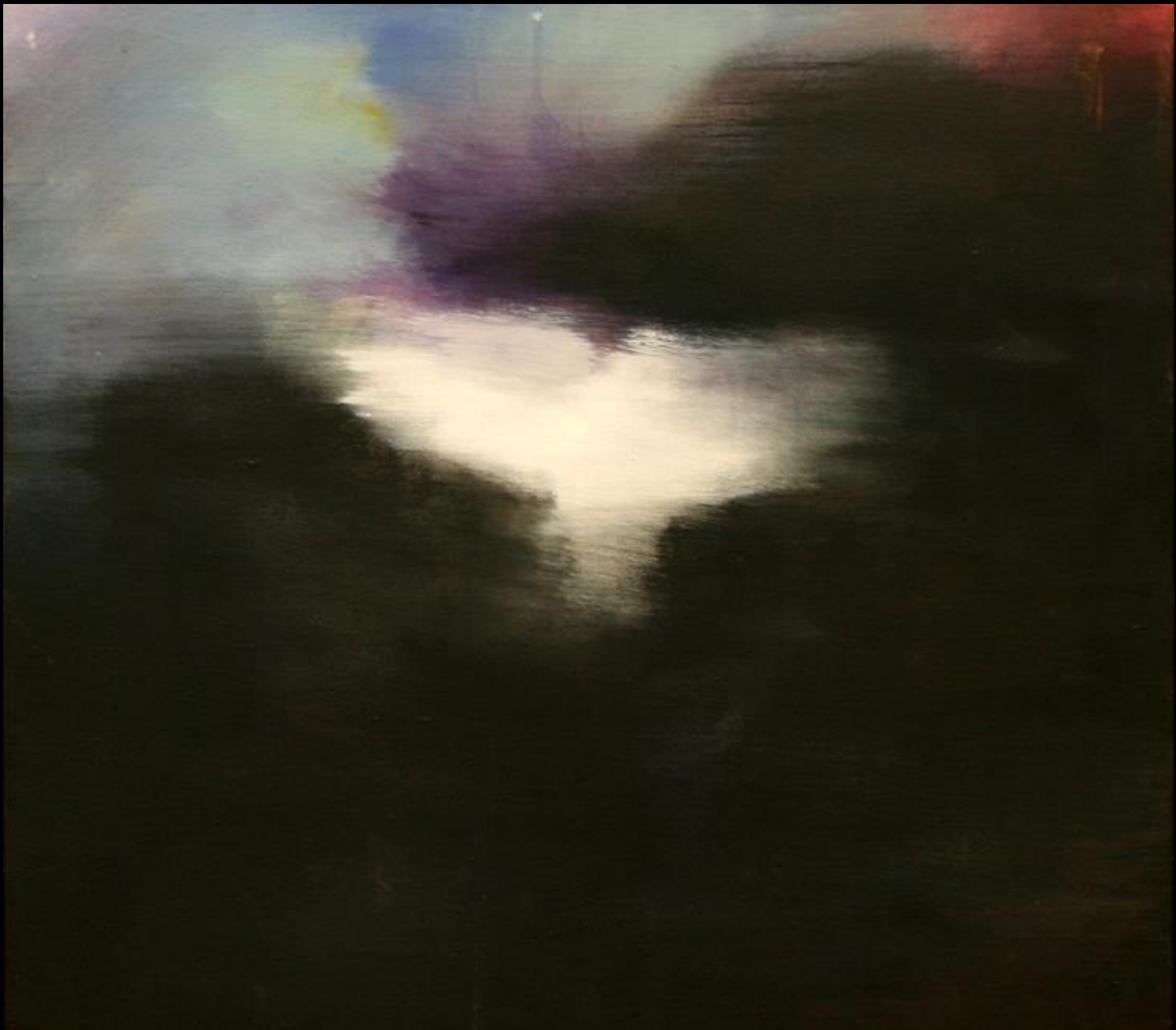


Benin Baptism

Cotonou, Benin

The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

John 3:8



Untitled Pentecost -- John Brokenshire, Lent 2007

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life."

John 3:16



The Whole World in God's Hands -- Courtney Carmody

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