Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Year A

Genesis 45:1-15 and Psalm 133
Isaiah 56:1, 6-8 and Psalm 67 • Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
Matthew 15: (10-20), 21-28

Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me. ... I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt."

Genesis 45:4

Joseph Meets His Brothers -- Choirstall woodcarving, Amiens Cathedral

"…do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me … it was not you who sent me here, but God."

Genesis 45:5a, 8a

Joseph Welcomes his Brothers (detail)

Peter von Cornelius
Deutsche Akademie Villa Massimo
Rome, Italy

Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them...

Genesis 45:14-15a

Joseph Embraces His Brothers -- Peter von Cornelius, Deutsche Akademie Villa Massimo, Rome, Italy

How very good and pleasant it is
when kindred live together in unity!

Psalm 133:1

People Around a Baobob Tree

Fritz Ahlefeldt

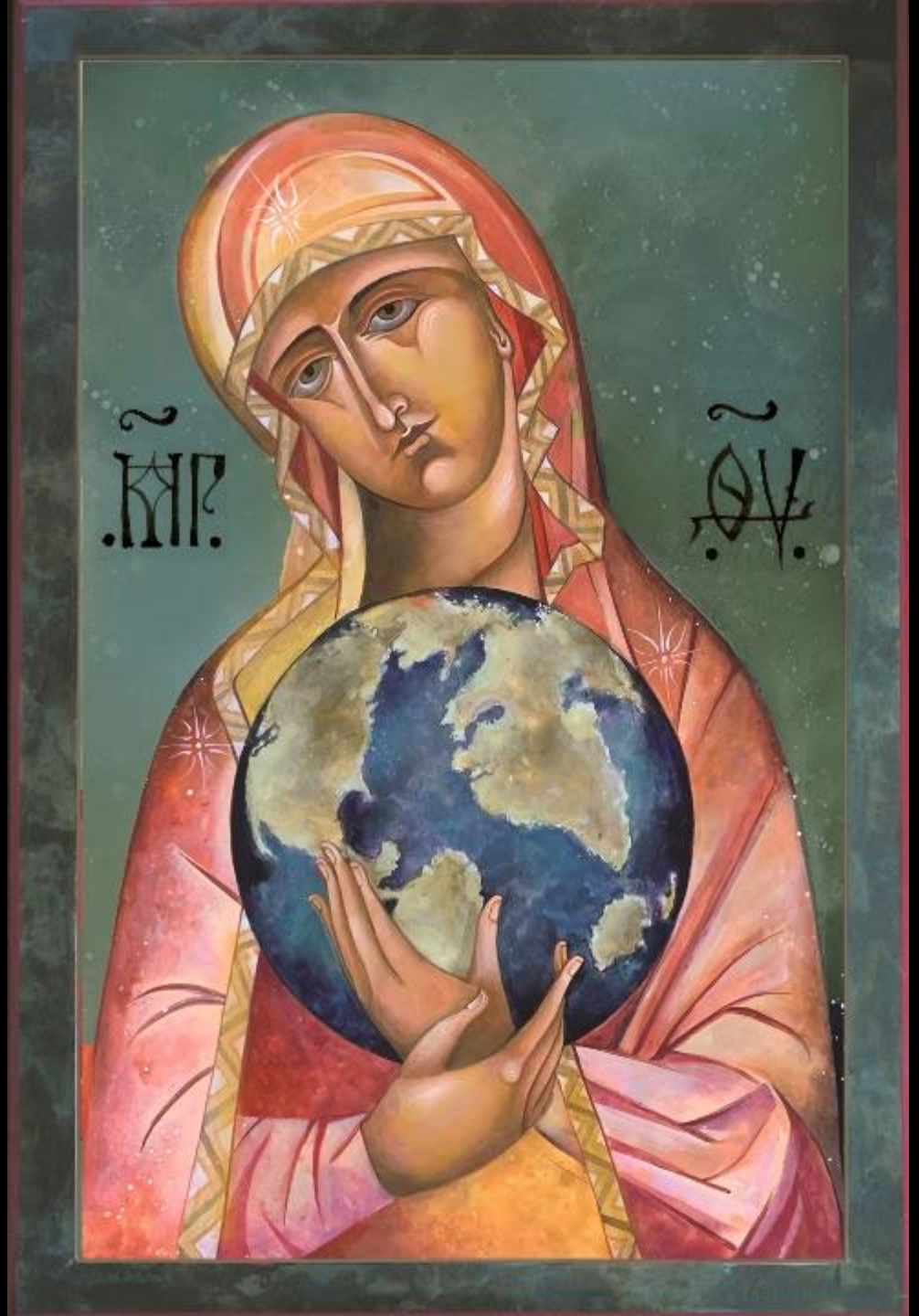
Thus says the LORD: Maintain justice,
and do what is right…

Isaiah 56:1

Philippine Movement for Climate Justice -- International Meeting, Cancun, Mexico

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth.

Psalm 67:4



A Mother's Love Holds the World

Mary Jane Miller

...for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.

Romans 11:29

"Hands" Cross

Mulungwishi Chapel,
Mulungwishi,
Democratic Republic
of Congo

Then he called the crowd to him and said … "Listen and understand:
it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but … what comes out of the mouth..."

Matthew 15:10-11

Guarding Words and Action -- Stephen Poff

Just then a Canaanite woman … came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon."

Matthew 15:22

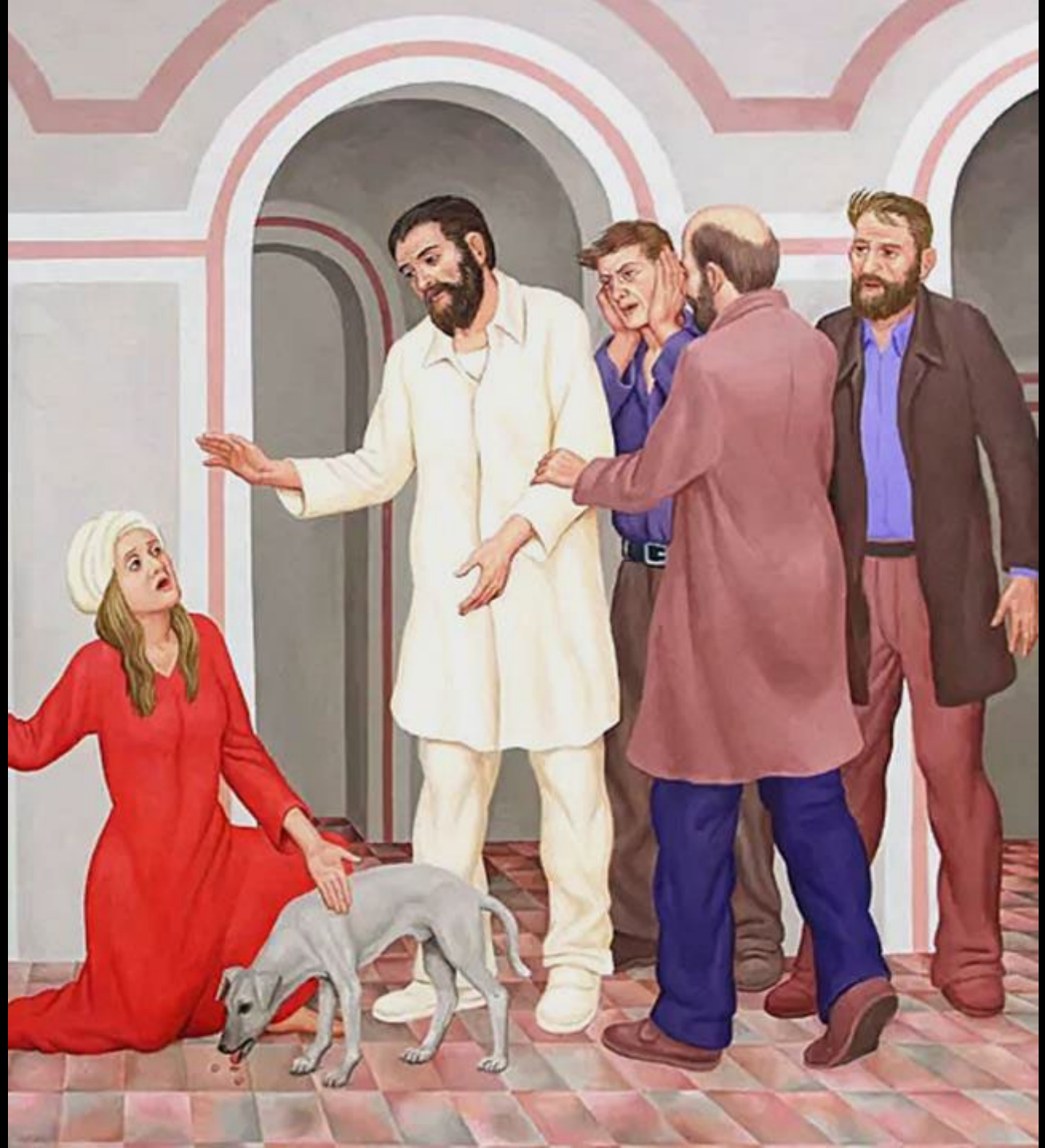
Christ and the Canaanite Woman -- Limbourg Brothers, Musee Conde, Chantilly, France

…she came and knelt before him,
saying, "Lord, help me."

Matthew 15:25

The Daughter of the Canaanite Woman

Peter Koenig



…Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed from that moment.

Matthew 15:28

Christ and the Canaanite Woman

Ilyas Basim Khuri Bazzi Rahib
Walters Art Museum
Baltimore, MD

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