



Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Year B

Song of Solomon 2:8-13 and Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9
Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9 and Psalm 15 • James 1:17-27
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

The voice of my beloved! Look, he
comes, leaping upon the mountains,
bounding over the hills.

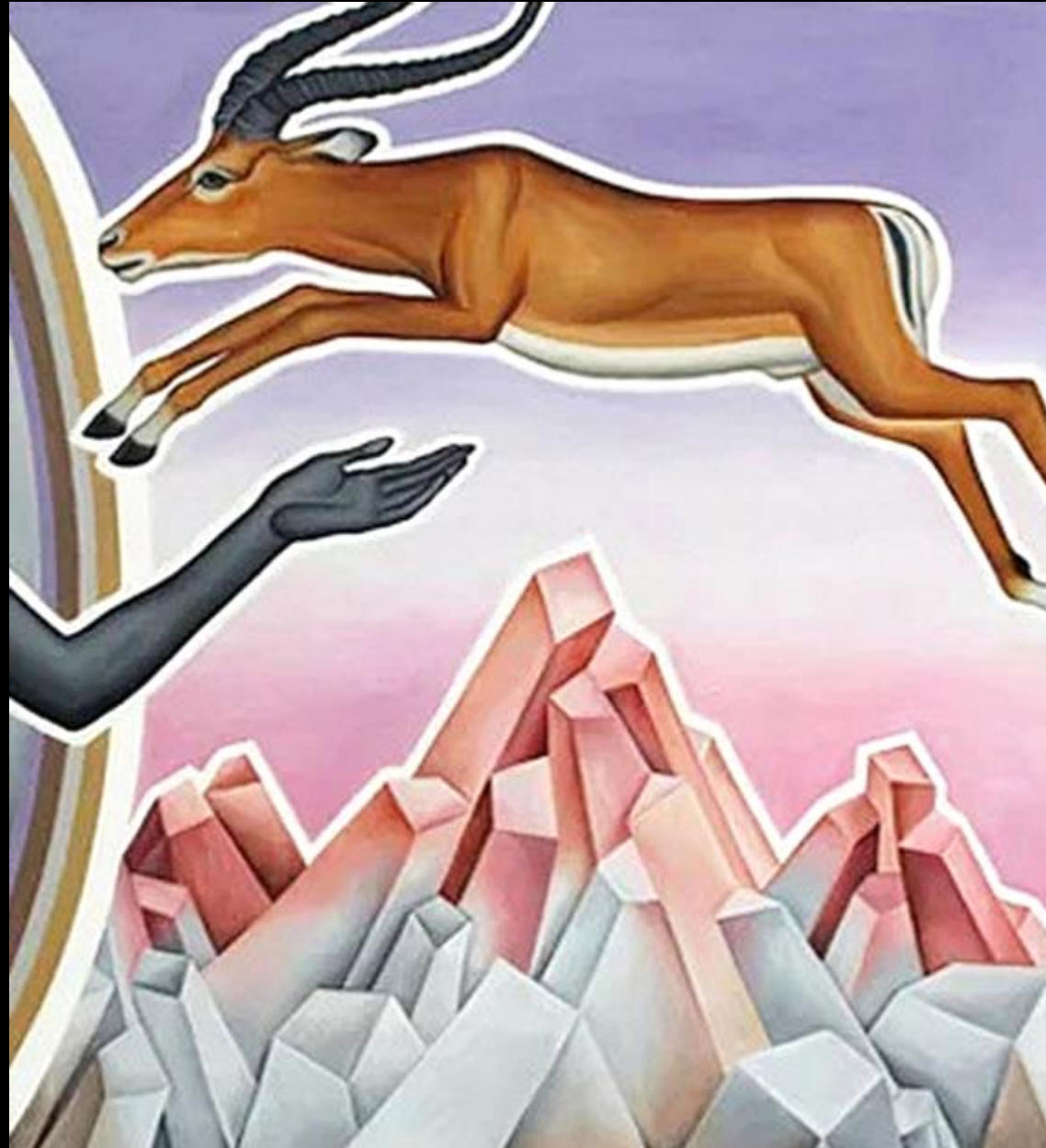
Song of Solomon 2:8



Deer Leaping Among Flowers – Franz Marc, 1912

Like a Deer Leaping
Mountains, detail

Peter Koenig



My beloved speaks and says to me:
"Arise, my love, my fair one, and
come away, for now the winter is
past, the rain is over and gone."

Song of Solomon 2:10-11



Lattice Window -- Peter Koenig

"...the voice of the turtledove is heard....and the vines...give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away."

Song of Solomon 2:12b, 13b

Christ and Ecclesia

Monk Thomas
Commentary on
Song of Solomon
Kloster Eberbach
Monastery,
Germany



"...keep the commandments of the
LORD your God.... make them known
to your children and your children's
children—"

Deuteronomy 4:2b, 9b



Sunday Morning -- Winslow Homer, Cincinnati Art Museum, Cincinnati, OH



Children Reading -- Pekka Halonen, Espoo Museum of Art, Espoo, Finland

O LORD, who may abide in your
tent? ... Those...who do not lend
money at interest and do not take
a bribe against the innocent.

Psalm 15:1a, 2a, 5a

The Moneylender and
his Wife

Quentin Matsys
Louvre Museum
Paris, France



Every generous act of giving,
with every perfect gift, is from
above, coming down from the
Father of lights...

James 1:17a



Skyspace -- James Turrell, Live Oak Meeting House, Houston, TX

But be doers of the word and
not merely hearers who deceive
themselves.

James 1:22

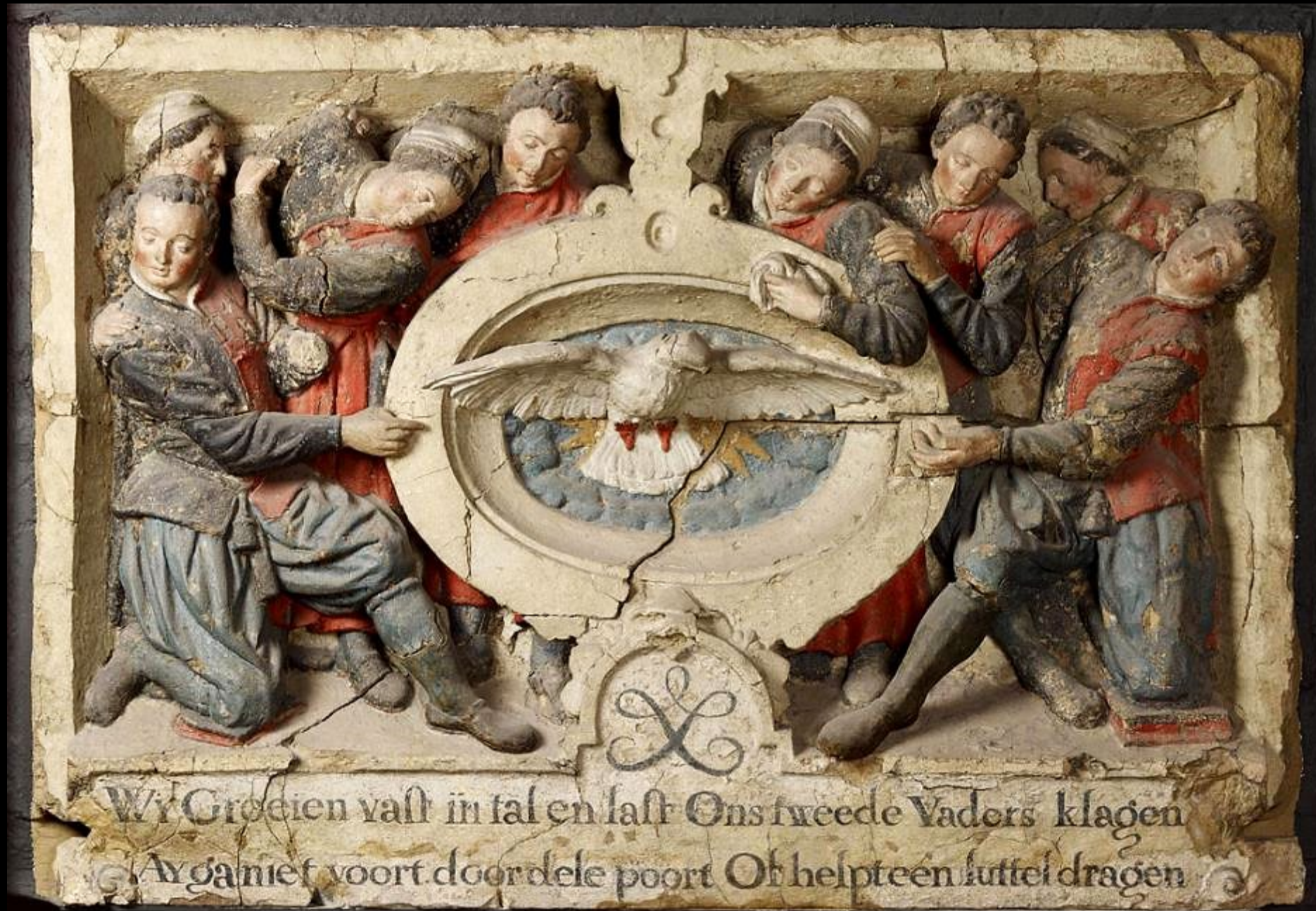


Saint Verena Washes the Hair
of a Plague Patient

Landesmuseum Württemberg
Württemberg, Germany

Religion that is pure and
undefiled...is this: to care for
orphans and widows in their
distress...

James 1:27



Civic Orphanage Emblem -- Amsterdams Historisch Museum, Amsterdam, Netherlands

So the Pharisees and the scribes
asked him, "Why do your disciples
not walk according to the tradition
of the elders but eat with defiled
hands?"

Mark 7:5



A Scribe Speaks to Jesus -- James Tissot, Brooklyn Museum, Brooklyn, NY

"Listen...and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile."

Mark 7:14b-15



Guarding Words and Actions -- Stephen Poff

For it is from within, from the
human heart, that evil intentions
come.... and they defile a person."

Mark 7:21a, 23b

Mother of God of
Tenderness Towards
Evil Hearts

Kuzma Petrov-Vodkin
Russian Museum
St. Petersburg,
Russia



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