



First Sunday in Lent

Year A

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Psalm 32

Romans 5:12-19

Matthew 4:1-11

...of the tree of the knowledge of good
and evil you shall not eat...

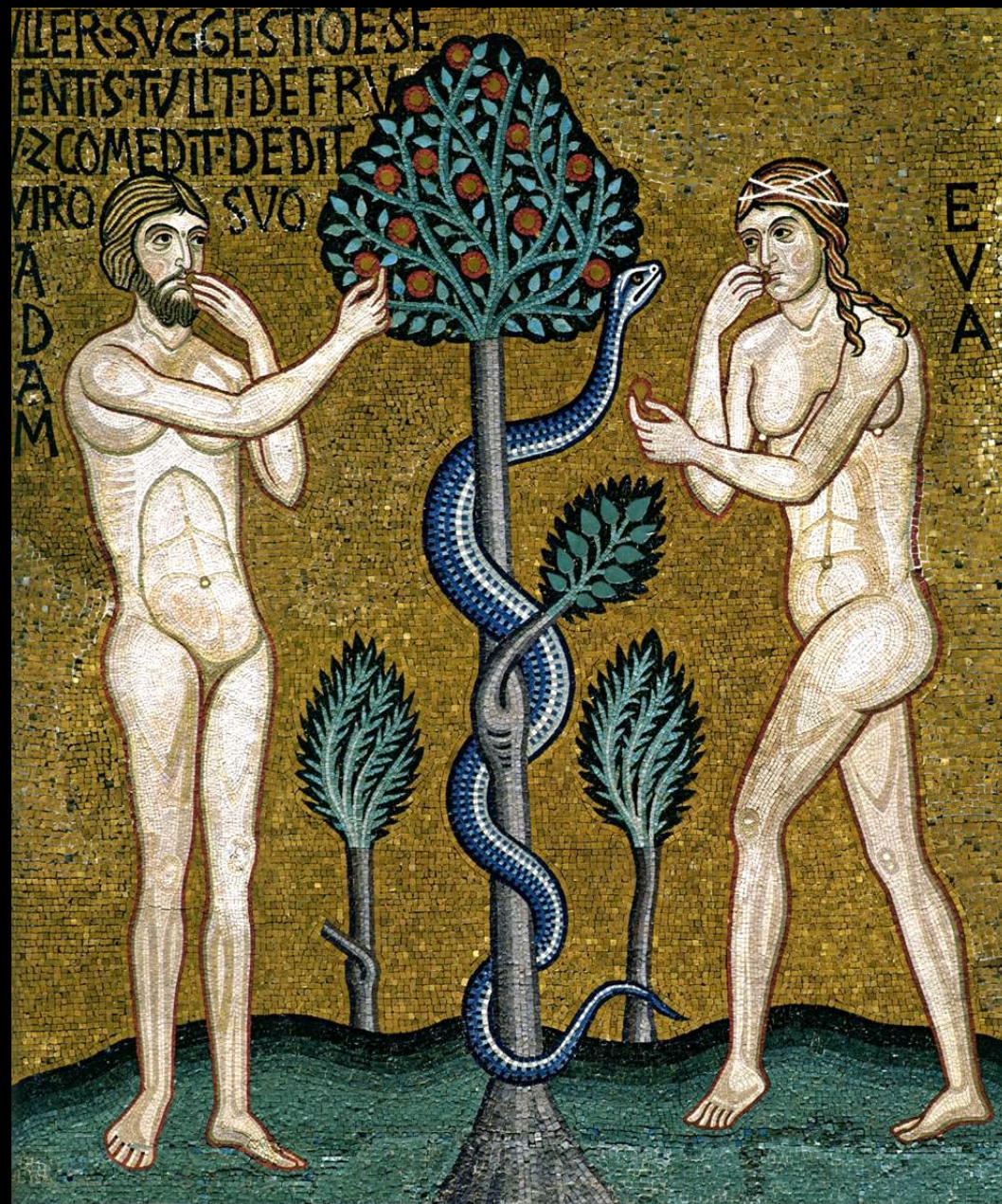
Genesis 2:17a



Heavenly Paradise, detail -- Cathedral of the Resurrection, Toutaiev, Russia

...she took of its fruit and ate;
and she also gave some to her
husband, who was with her,
and he ate.

Genesis 3:6b



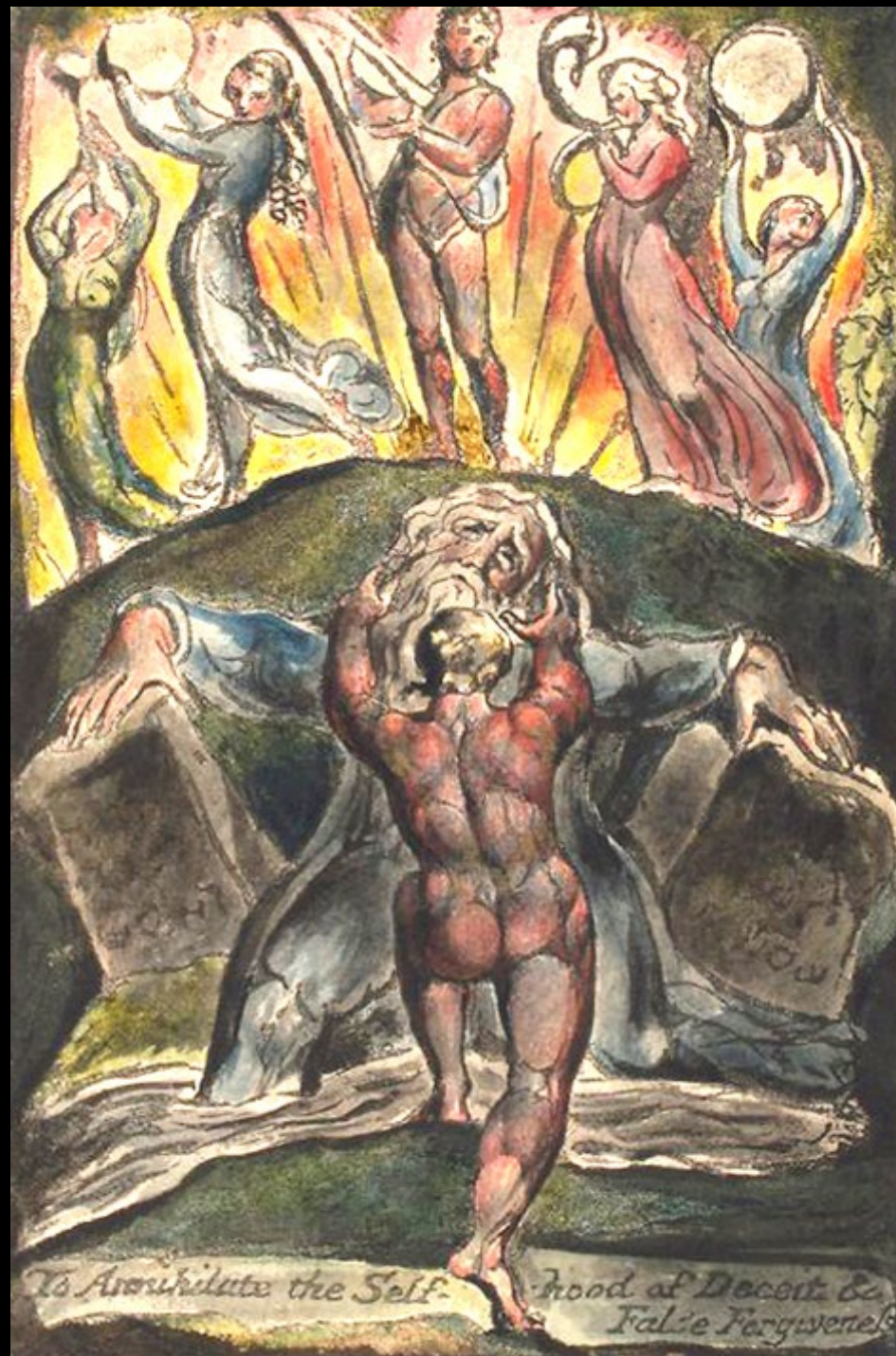
Temptation in the Garden -- Palatine Chapel, Palermo, Sicily

Then I acknowledged my sin to you...
and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

Psalm 32:5a,c

To Annihilate the Self-hood of
Deceit and False Forgiveness

William Blake
New York Public Library
New York, NY



Be glad in the LORD and rejoice...
shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

Psalm 32:11



Joyful Mountain Landscape -- Paul Klee, Yale University Art Gallery, New Haven, CT

...receive the abundance of grace and
the free gift of righteousness
...through the one man, Jesus Christ.

Romans 5:17b



"With the grace of God and the effort of will, we obtain the excellence of virtue" -- Vatican Museum

The tempter came and said to him,
"If you are the Son of God,
command these stones to become
loaves of bread."

Matthew 4:3

Jesus and the Tempter

National Gallery of Art
Washington, DC



But he answered, "It is written,
'One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from
the mouth of God.'"

Matthew 4:4



“In the beginning was the word...”

Grands Heures d'Anne de Bretagne
Jean Bourdichon
Bibliothèque Nationale, Paris, France

Then the devil took him to
the holy city and placed him
on the pinnacle of the temple,
...saying to him, "If you are the Son
of God, throw yourself down..."

Matthew 4:5-6

Jesus Carried Up to the Pinnacle of
the Temple

James Tissot
Brooklyn Museum, New York, NY



Jesus said to him, "Again it is written,
'Do not put the Lord your God to the
test.'"

Matthew 4:7



Temptation of Christ

South door, Duomo
Pisa, Italy

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me."

Matthew 4:8a, 9b

Mountain Landscape with the
Temptation of Christ

Jan Brueghel the Elder
Kunsthistorisches Museum
Munich, Germany



Jesus said to him, "Away with you,
Satan! for it is written,
'Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.'"

Matthew 4:10



Temptation of Jesus, 1940

Josef Huber
Church of Sts. Peter and Paul
Leonberg, Germany

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