

A painting of a shepherd in a red robe leading a flock of sheep in a rural landscape. The shepherd is on the left, carrying a white sheep on his shoulders. The flock is moving across a dry, dusty plain. In the background, there are several huts with conical roofs and a few trees. The sky is a mix of purple and yellow, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The overall style is that of a traditional African or Middle Eastern painting.

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Year A

Exodus 32:1-14 and Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23 • Isaiah 25:1-9 and
Psalm 23 • Philippians 4:1-9 • Matthew 22:1-14

The LORD said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people ... have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it ..."

Exodus 32:7a, 8b



Adoration of the Golden Calf -- Nicolas Poussin, National Gallery, London, UK

They exchanged the glory of God for
the image of an ox that eats grass.
They forgot God, their Savior ...

Psalm 106:20, 21a



Worshipping the Golden
Calf

William de Brailes
Walters Art Museum
Baltimore, MD

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the
tears from all faces ... let us be glad
and rejoice in his salvation.

Isaiah 25:8a, 9b



“As Single, Kind Word Wipes Away the Tears...” -- Swedish embroidery

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall
not want.

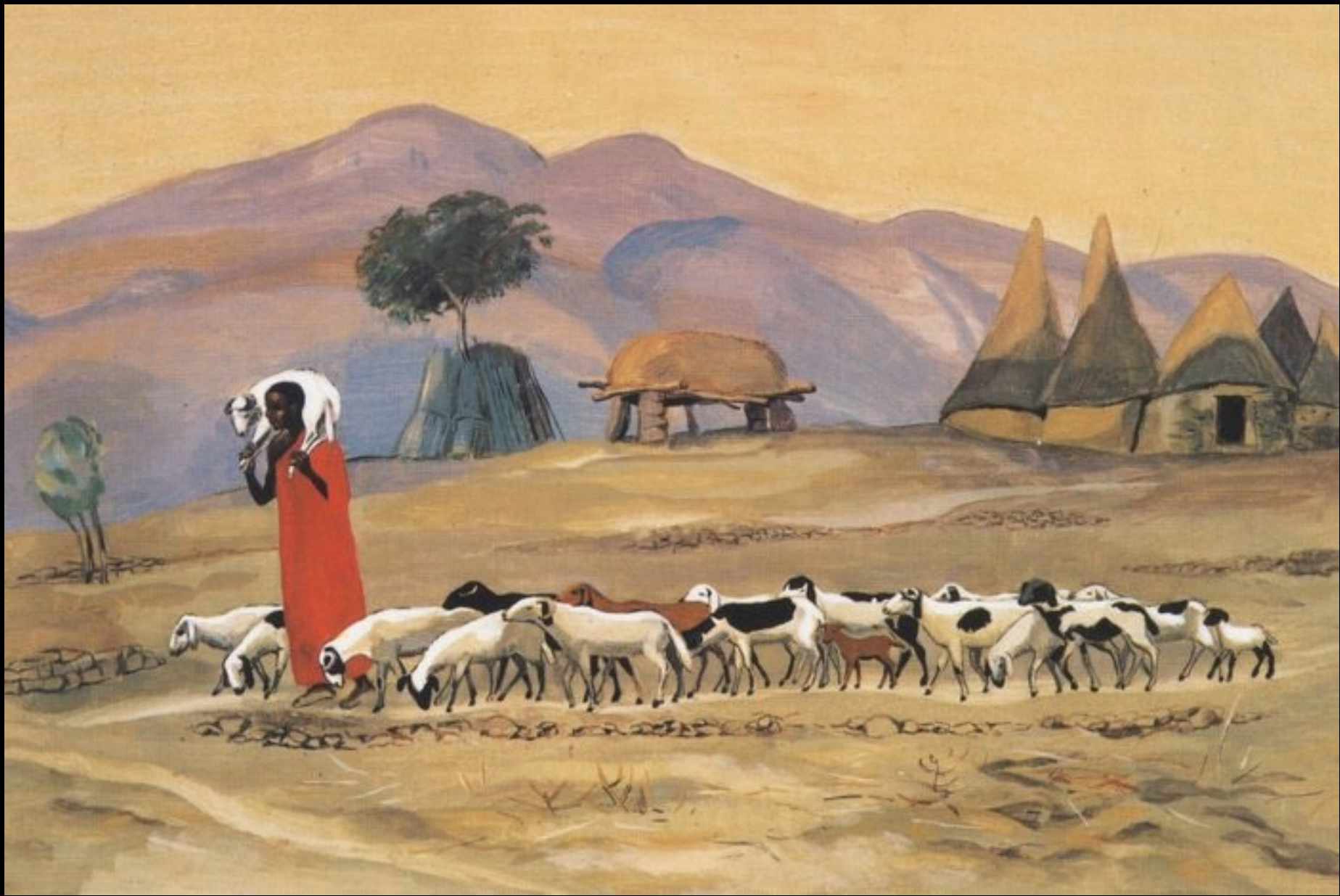
Psalm 23:1



The Good Shepherd -- Julien Dupre, Legion of Honor Museum, San Francisco, CA

He makes me lie down in green
pastures; he leads me beside still
waters;

Psalm 23:2



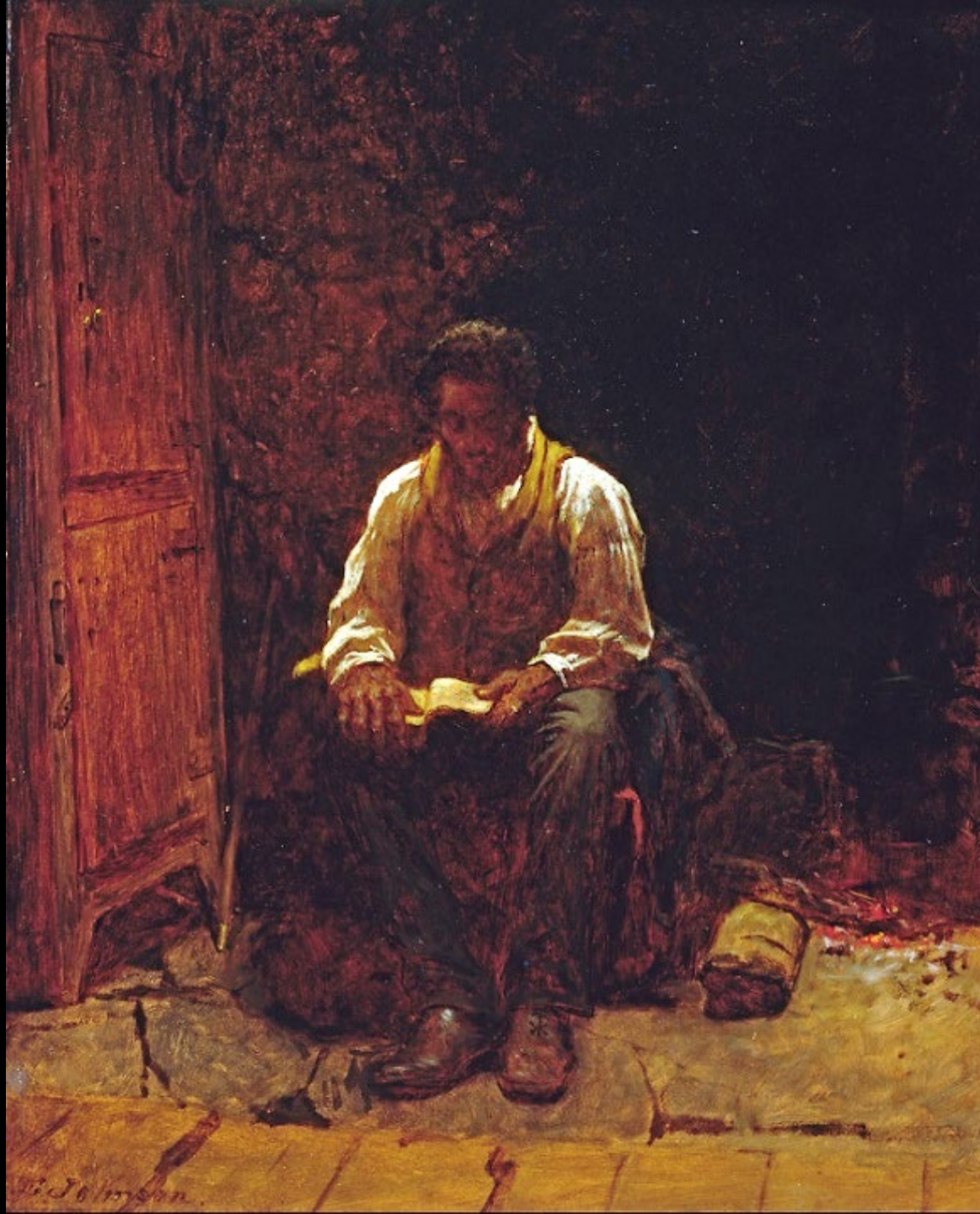
The Good Shepherd -- JESUS MAFA, Cameroon

He restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.

Psalm 23:3

The Lord is My
Shepherd

Eastman Johnson,
Smithsonian Museum
of American Art, DC



Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff-- they comfort me.

Psalm 23:4



Good Shepherd Church -- Uwe Aranas, Menggatal, Malaysia

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Psalm 23:5



Armistice Day

Frederick Etchells
Canadian War Museum
Ottawa, Canada

Surely goodness and mercy shall
follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of
the LORD my whole life long.

Psalm 23:6



Praying Woman

Artist unknown
National Museum
Stockholm, Sweden

help these women, for they have
struggled beside me in the work of
the gospel ...

Philippians 4:3b

Amanda Berry Smith,
Methodist Evangelist



'Go therefore into the main streets,
and invite everyone you find to the
wedding banquet.'

Matthew 22:9



Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebration -- Zenón Martínez García, Museo de Arte Popular, Mexico City

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