



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.

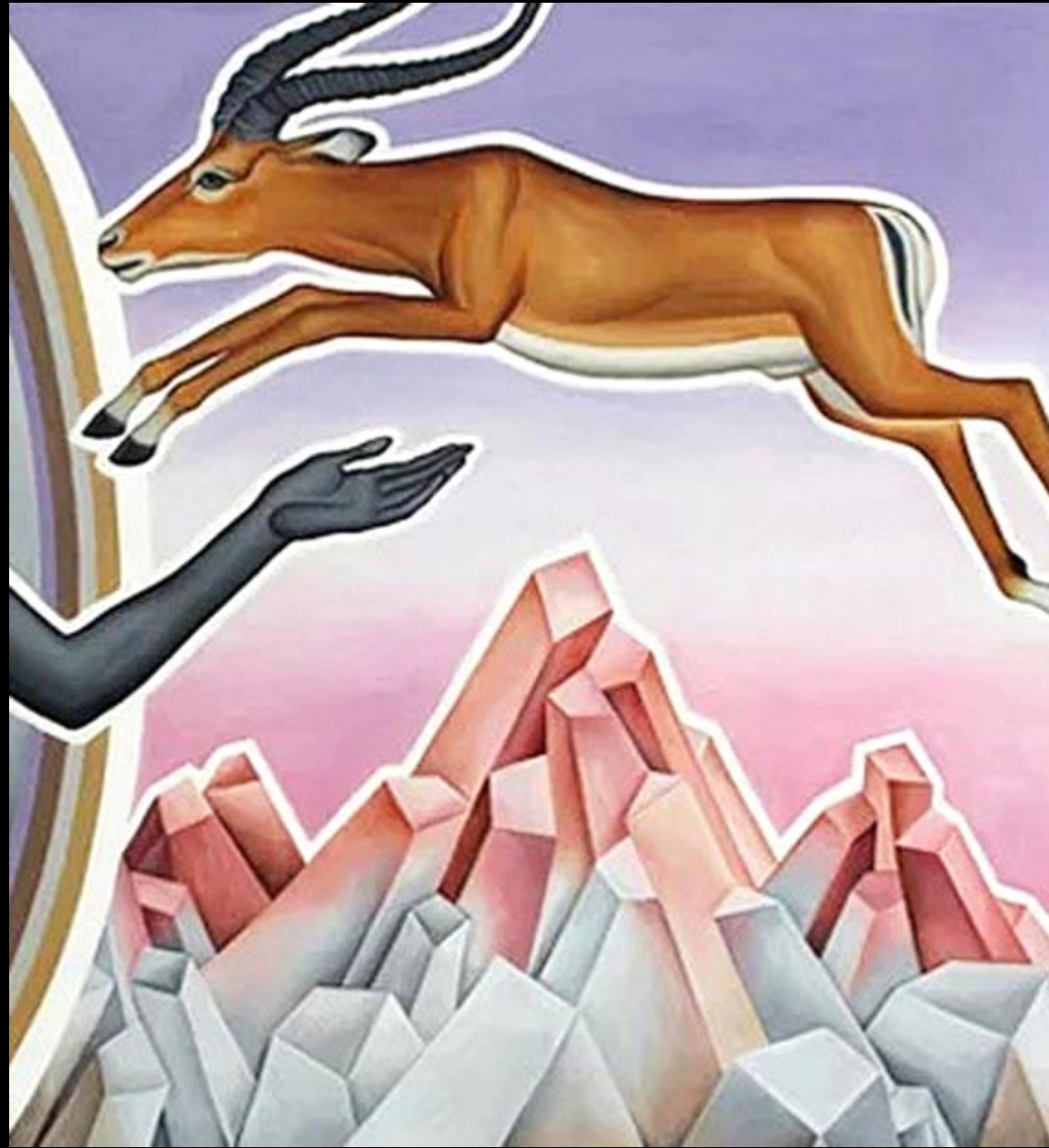
Song of Solomon 2:8



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

Omnia precellit xpi dilectio pl
Oscula qua signat que poscunt corda serena



Christ and Ecclesia

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

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Cria sunt epithalamia. primum historicum.
secundum philosophicum. tertium theologicum.
Primum agit de legitima copula maris et fere.

... 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



Wy Groeien valt in tal en last Ons tweede Vaders klaghen
Afganief voort doordele poort Of helpt een luttel dragen

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

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

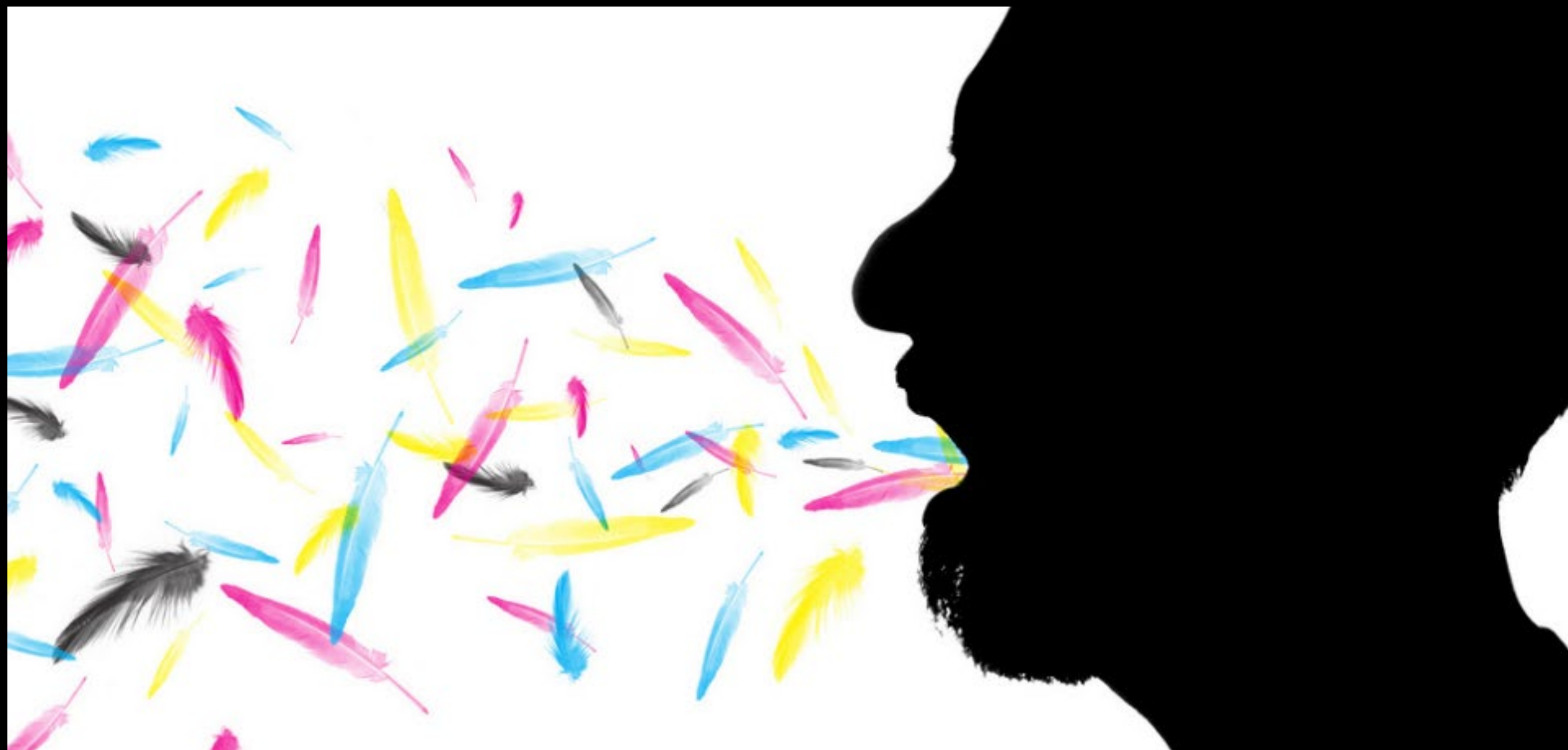
Mark 7:5



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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