

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost *Year B*

1 Samuel 15:34 - 16:13 and Psalm 20
Ezekiel 17:22-24 and Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15
2 Corinthians 5:6-10, (11-13), 14-17 • Mark 4:26-34

The LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." ... and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward.

1 Samuel 16:12b-13b



Samuel Anoints David -- Castra center, Haifa, Israel

Some take pride in chariots, and
some in horses, but our pride is in
the name of the LORD our God.

Psalm 20:7



Celebration -- John August Swanson, Serigraph, 2009

Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will take a sprig ... in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar.

Ezekiel 17:22a, 23a

Pilgrimage to the
Cedar of Lebanon

Tivadar Kosztka,
Hungarian National
Gallery
Budapest, Hungary



Under it every kind of bird will live;
in the shade of its branches will nest
winged creatures of every kind.

Ezekiel 17:23b



Early Christian Bird Mosaic -- 4th c. Mausoleum of Santa Costanza, Rome , Italy

It is good to give thanks to the LORD
... to declare your steadfast love in
the morning, and your faithfulness
by night ...

Psalm 92:1a, 2



Cowboy at Prayer -- Clayton, NM

So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

2 Corinthians 5:17

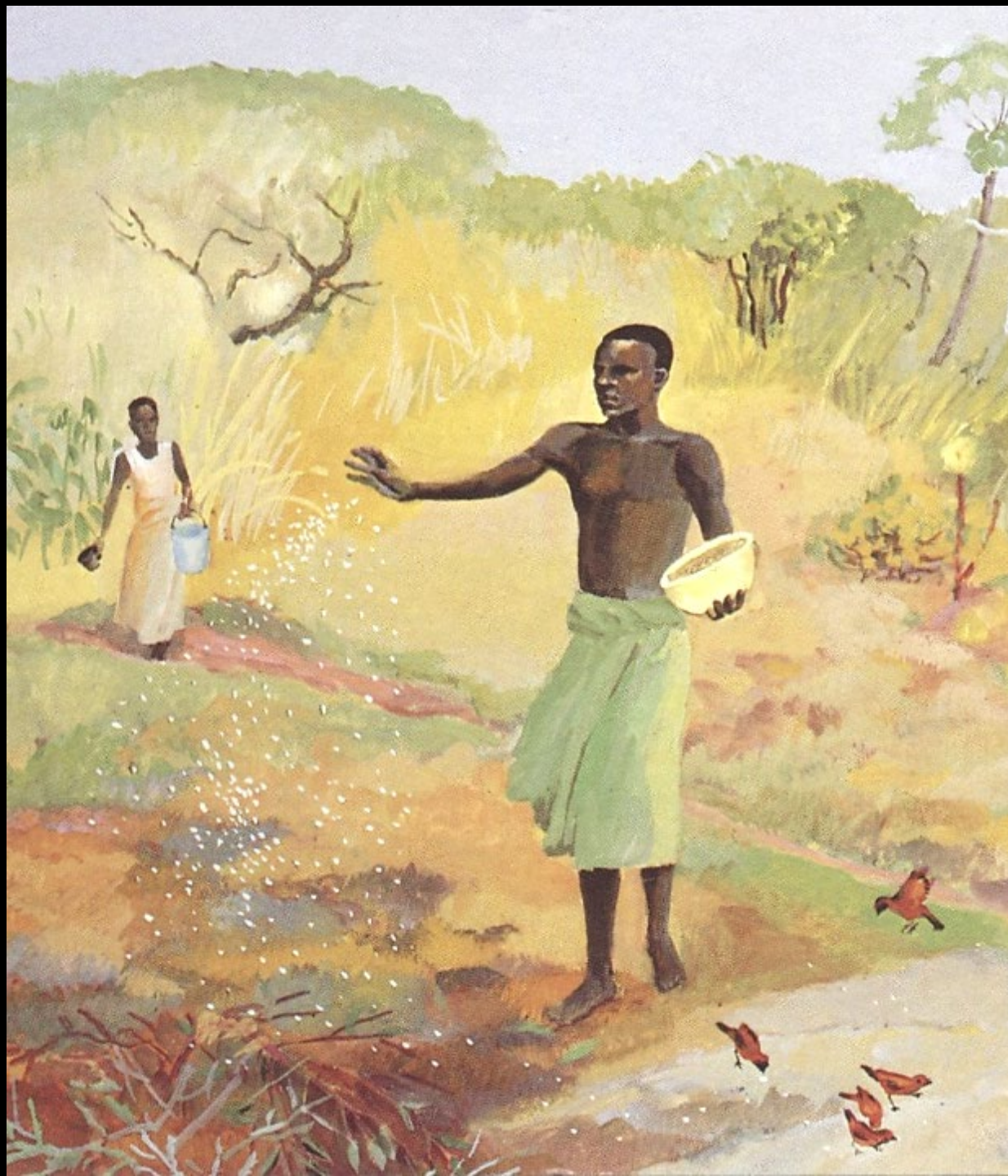


Let There Be -- Lauren Wright Pittman

"The kingdom of God is as if
someone would scatter seed
on the ground ...

Mark 4:26

The Sower
JESUS MAFA



The earth produces of itself, first
the stalk, then the head, then the
full grain in the head.

Mark 4:28



Kansas Summer Wheat -- James Swanson, photographer

But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

Mark 4:29



Harvesters -- Pieter Bruegel, Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, NY

It is like a mustard seed, which,
when sown upon the ground, is the
smallest of all the seeds on earth;

Mark 4:31



Parable of the Mustard Seed -- Window at the YMCA training center, Kassel, Germany

yet when it is sown it grows up ...
and puts forth large branches, so
that the birds of the air can make
nests in its shade."

Mark 4:32



Jan Bruegel -- Paradise, Gemaldegalerie, Berlin, Germany

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it.

Mark 4:33



Christ and His Disciples -- Rembrandt, Teylers Museum, Haarlem, Netherlands

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