Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Amos 8:1-12 and Psalm 52 • Genesis 18:1-10a and Psalm 15 • Colossians 1:15-28 • Luke 10:38-42 "We will ... practice deceit with false balances, buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals ..."

Amos 8:5cd, 6a



Saint Ranerius Frees the Poor From Prison -- Sassetta, Louvre Museum, Paris, France

But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God. I trust in the steadfast love of God forever and ever.

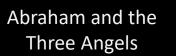
Psalm 52:8



Land Stewardship Lab -- Witte Museum, San Antonio, TX

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre. He ... saw three men ... he ran ... to meet them, and bowed down to the ground.

Genesis 18:1a, 2a,c



Jan Polack Los Angeles County Museum of Art Los Angeles, CA



Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes."

Genesis 18:6



Sarah and Abraham Offer Hospitality to the Visitors -- Basilica of San Vitale, Ravenna, Italy

They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" ... Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son."

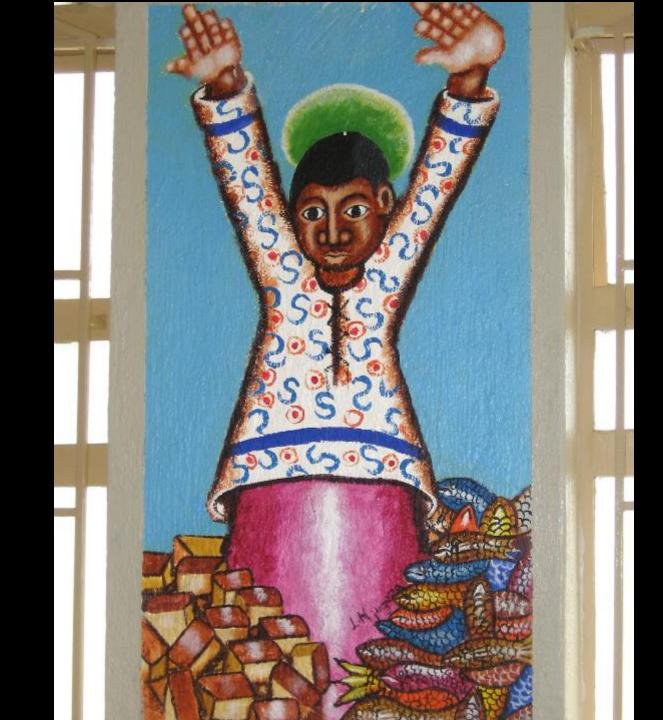
Genesis 18:9a, 10a



Sarah Hears the Visitor's Promise -- Master of James IV of Scotland, Getty Center, Los Angeles, CA

... God chose to make known how great ... are the riches ... of this mystery, which is Christ in you ...

Colossians 1:27acd



Jesus with Loaves and Fish

Church sanctuary Kenya Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home.

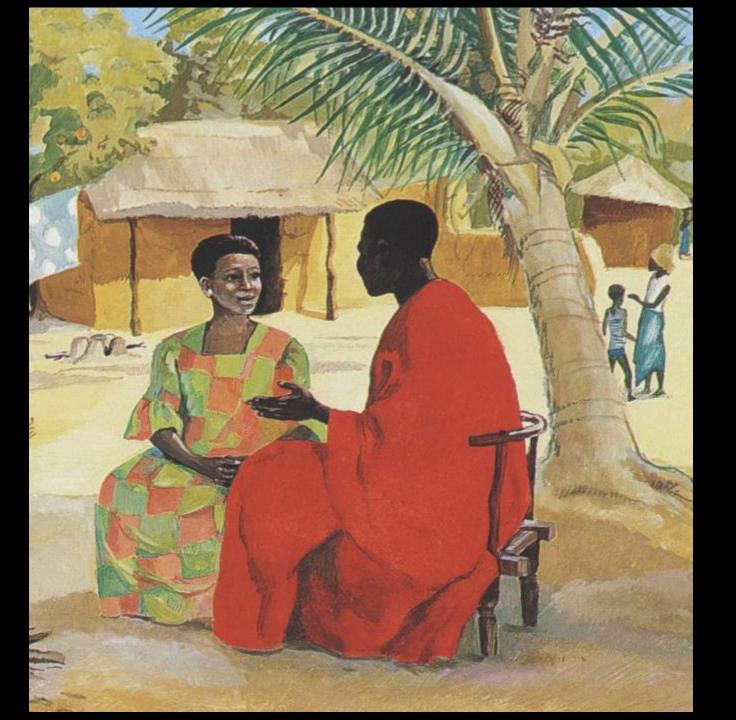
Luke 10:38



Mary, Sister of Lazarus, Welcomes Jesus Into Her Home -- Nikolai Ge

She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying.

Luke 10:39



Jesus with Mary, detail of Jesus, Mary and Martha

JESUS MAFA, Cameroon

But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked,

Luke 10:40a

"Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me."

Luke 10:40b



Christ at the House of Mary and Martha

Jan Brueghel the Younger and Peter Paul Rubens National Gallery of Ireland Dublin, Ireland But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things;

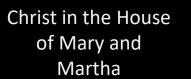
Luke 10:41



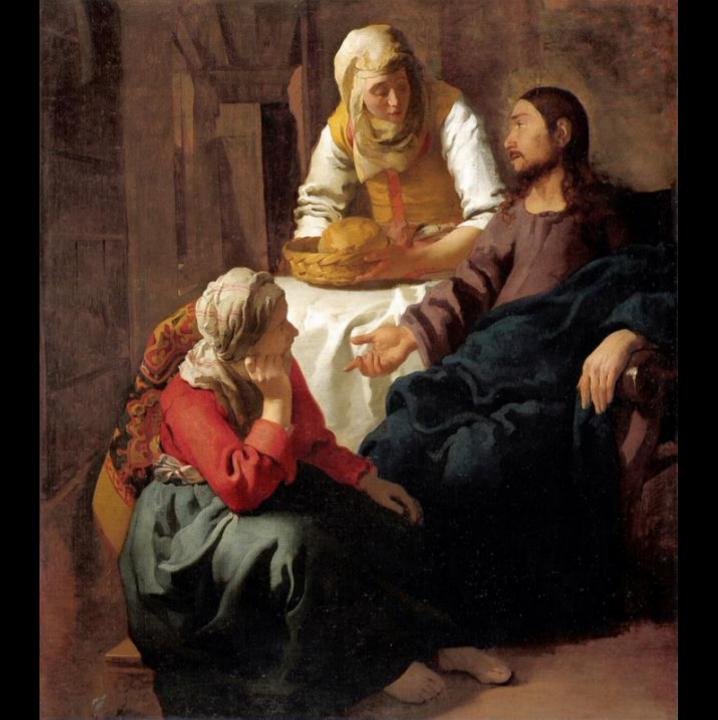
Mary and Martha

Kathleen Peterson Spring City, UT there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

Luke 10:42



Johannes Vermeer Scottish National Gallery Edinburgh, Scotland



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