



# Ash Wednesday

*Year A*

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 or Isaiah 58:1-12

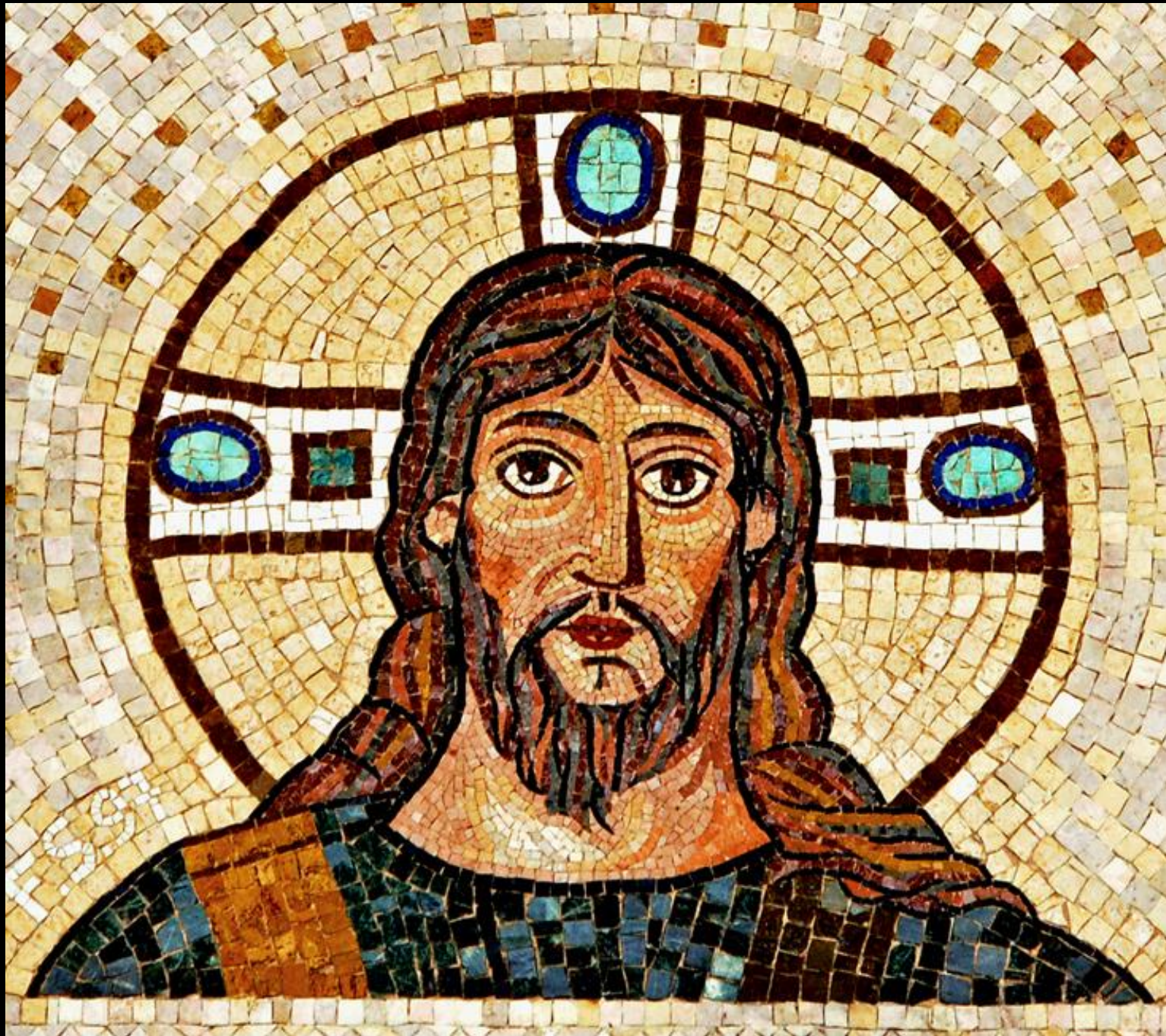
Psalms 51:1-17

2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Return to the LORD, your God,  
for he is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger,  
and abounding in steadfast love.

Joel 2:13b



Mosaic of God

Jerusalem,  
Israel

Blow the trumpet in Zion;  
sanctify a fast;  
call a solemn assembly;  
gather the people.

Joel 2:15-16a



Angel Playing a  
Flageolet

Faith Goble

Is not this the fast that I choose:  
to loose the bonds of injustice,  
to undo the thongs of the yoke,  
to let the oppressed go free...

Isaiah 58:6

Wretched are the Legs That Must  
Bear the Burden of Poverty

Adrien van de Venne  
Museum Boijmans Van Beuningen  
Rotterdam, Netherlands



Is it not to share your bread with the  
hungry, and bring the homeless poor  
into your house?

Isaiah 58:7





Charity -- Marie-Francois Firmin-Girard, Museu Nacional de Belas Artes, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your steadfast love;  
according to your abundant mercy  
blot out my transgressions.

Psalm 51:1



Remissionem, detail

St. Aloysius Church  
Columbus, Ohio

Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and put a new and right spirit  
within me.

Psalm 51:10



Repentance Altarpiece -- Bror Hjorth, Jukkasjarvi Church, Jukkasjarvi, Sweden

We are treated...as dying,  
and see--we are alive;  
as sorrowful,  
yet always rejoicing;

2 Corinthians 5:28b, 9a, 10a



A Village Choir -- Thomas Webster, Victoria and Albert Museum, London

...as poor, yet making many rich;  
as having nothing,  
and yet possessing everything

2 Corinthians 5:10b



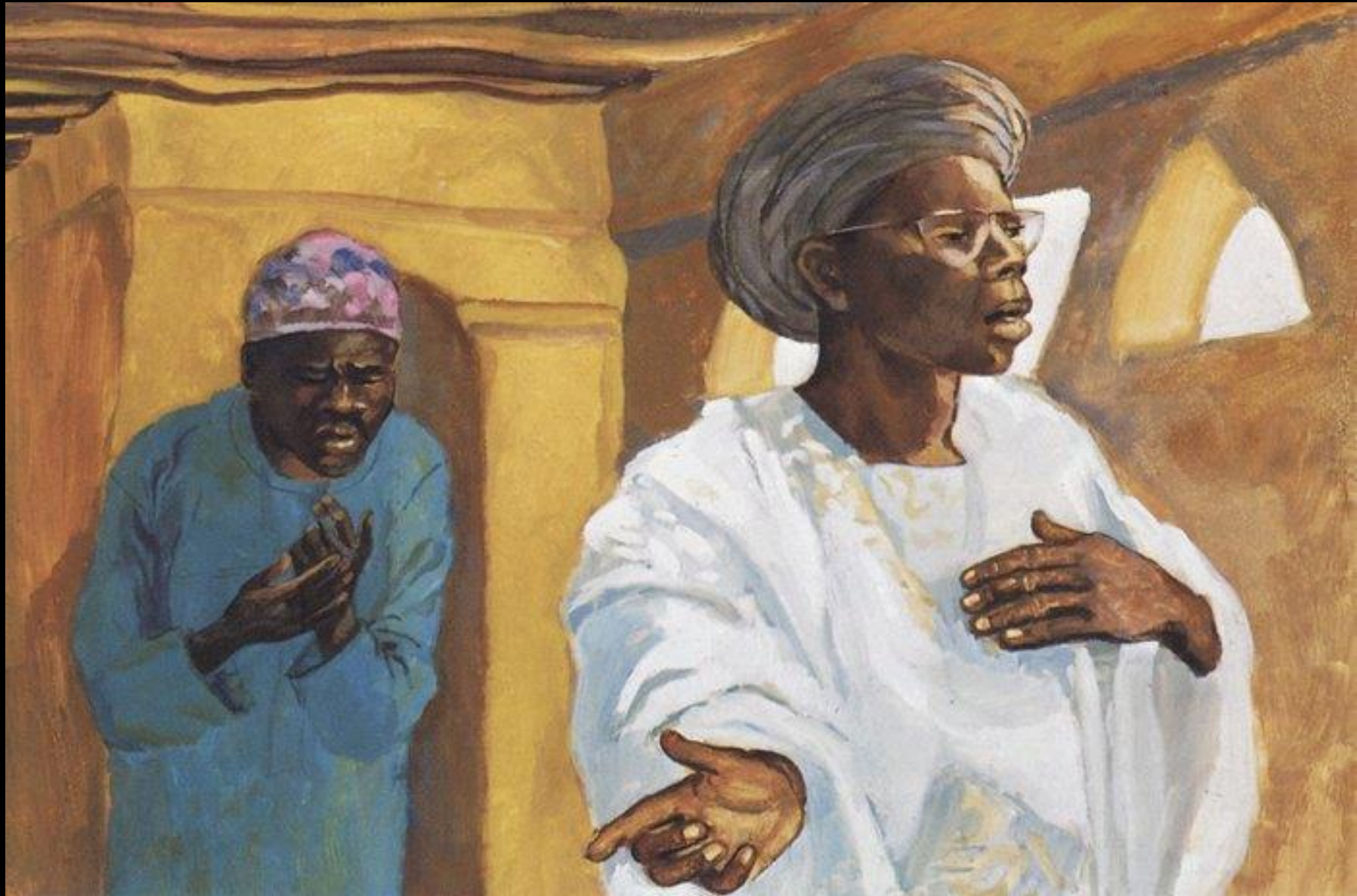
Peter and Paul

Guido Reni  
Pinacoteca di Brera  
Milan, Italy



"And whenever you pray, do not be like  
the hypocrites;  
for they love to stand and pray...  
so that they may be seen by others."

Matthew 6:5a,c



The Pharisee and the Publican -- JESUS MAFA, Cameroon

"Do not store up for yourselves  
treasures on earth...  
but store up for yourselves treasures in  
heaven..."

Matthew 6:19a-20a



Detail, Altar of St. John

Rogier van der Weyden  
Gemaldegalerie  
Berlin, Germany

“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

Matthew 6:21



Sunday Morning in Virginia -- Winslow Homer, Cincinnati Art Museum

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