



# Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

*Year A*

Judges 4:1-7 and Psalm 123 • Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18 and Psalm 90:1-8, (9-11), 12  
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 • Matthew 25:14-30

At that time Deborah, a prophetess, ...  
was judging Israel.

Judges 4:4ac



Deborah – In Tune

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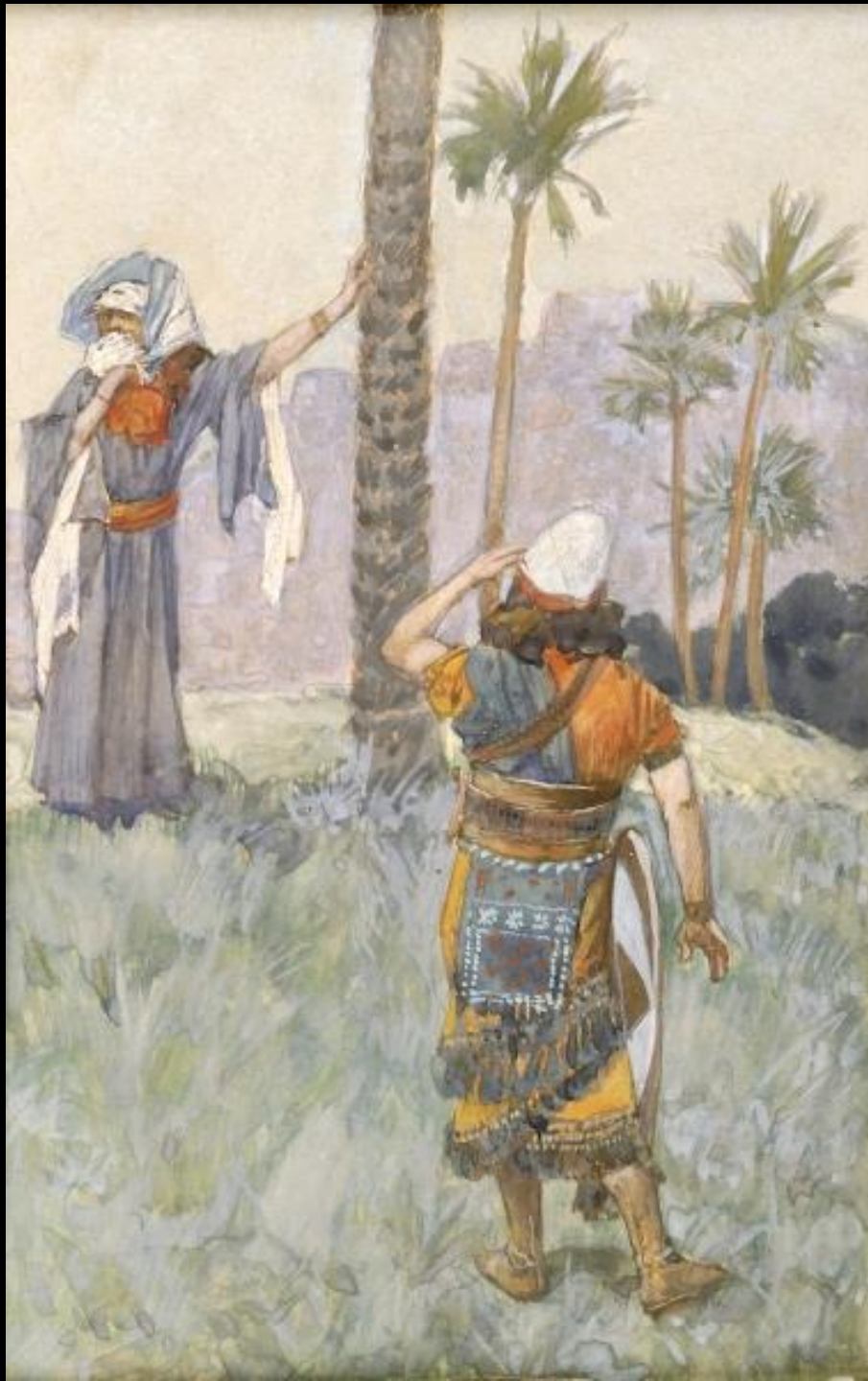




Deborah Judging Israel -- Lee Lawrie, Nebraska State Capitol, Lincoln, NE

She used to sit under the palm of  
Deborah ... and the Israelites came  
up to her for judgment.

Judges 4:5ac



Deborah Beneath the  
Palm Tree

James Tissot  
Jewish Museum  
New York City

Our soul has had more than its fill of  
the scorn of those who are at ease, of  
the contempt of the proud.

Psalm 123:4





Protest Against Expulsion of James Lawson -- Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN, 1960



Be silent before the Lord GOD!  
For the day of the LORD is at hand ...

Zephaniah 1:7a

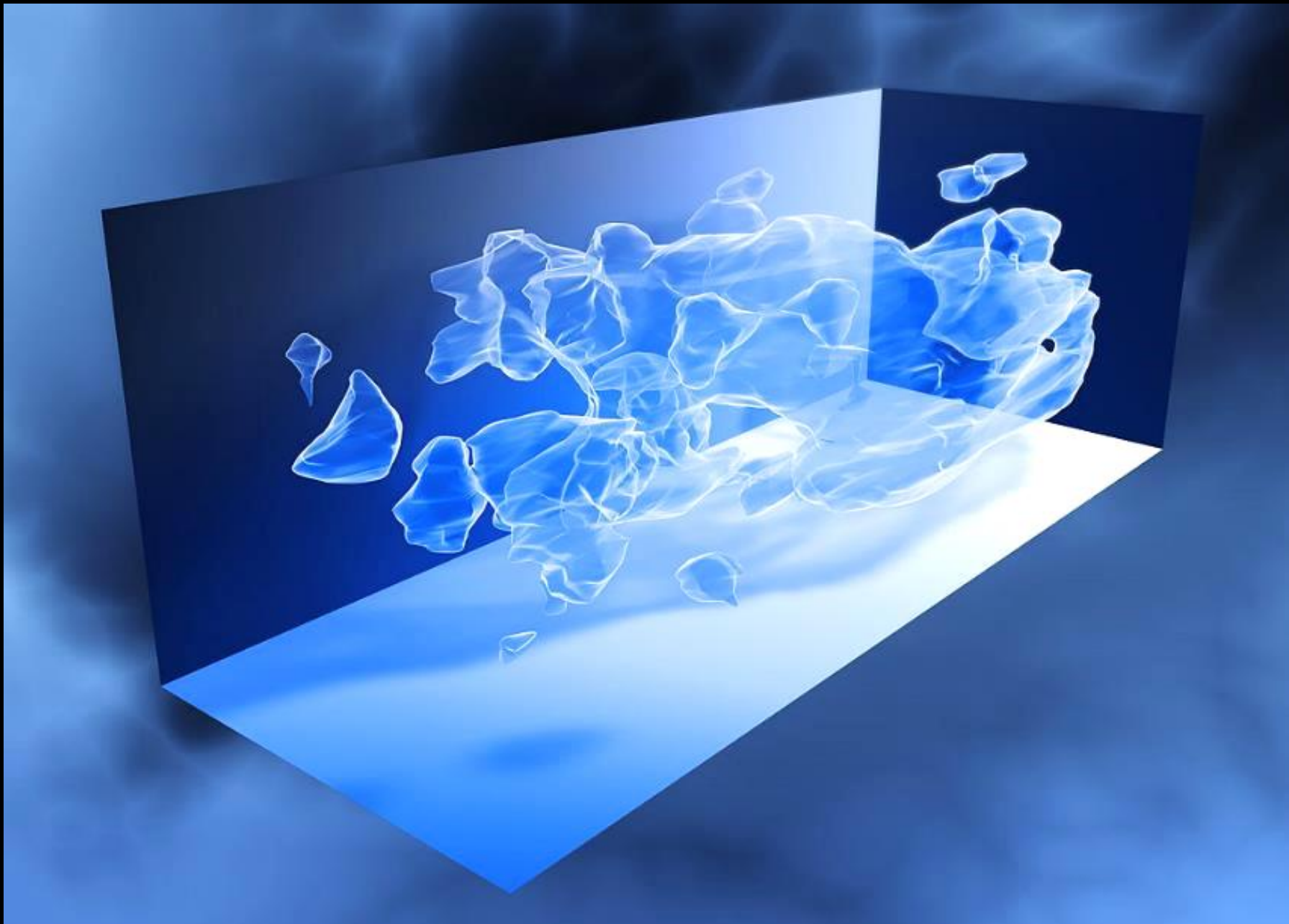


Silence -- Henry Fuseli, Kunsthaus Zurich, Zurich, Switzerland

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

Psalm 90:2





Universe, 3-D map of dark matter -- Hubble Space Telescope

For God has destined us not for  
wrath but for obtaining salvation  
through our Lord Jesus Christ ...

1 Thessalonians 5:9



Christ on the Cross

Unidentified sculptor  
Church of San Jacinto  
San Angel, Mexico



Therefore encourage one another  
and build up each other, as indeed  
you are doing.

1 Thessalonians 5:11





The Poor Invited to the Feast -- JESUS MAFA, Cameroon



"For it is as if a man ... summoned his slaves and ... to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability.

Matthew 25:14a, 15a



Parable of the Talents

Annette Fortt Gandy  
Silver Spring, MD



*Parable of the Talents - 1978 - Annette Fortt Gandy*

The one who had received the five talents ... traded with them, and made five more talents ... the one who had the two talents made two more talents.

Matthew 25:16ac, 17b

Then the one who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, ... I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground.'

Matthew 25:24





He Hid His Lord's Money

St Edward the Martyr's Church  
Corfe Castle, Dorset

But his master replied, ... take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents.

Matthew 25:26a, 28b



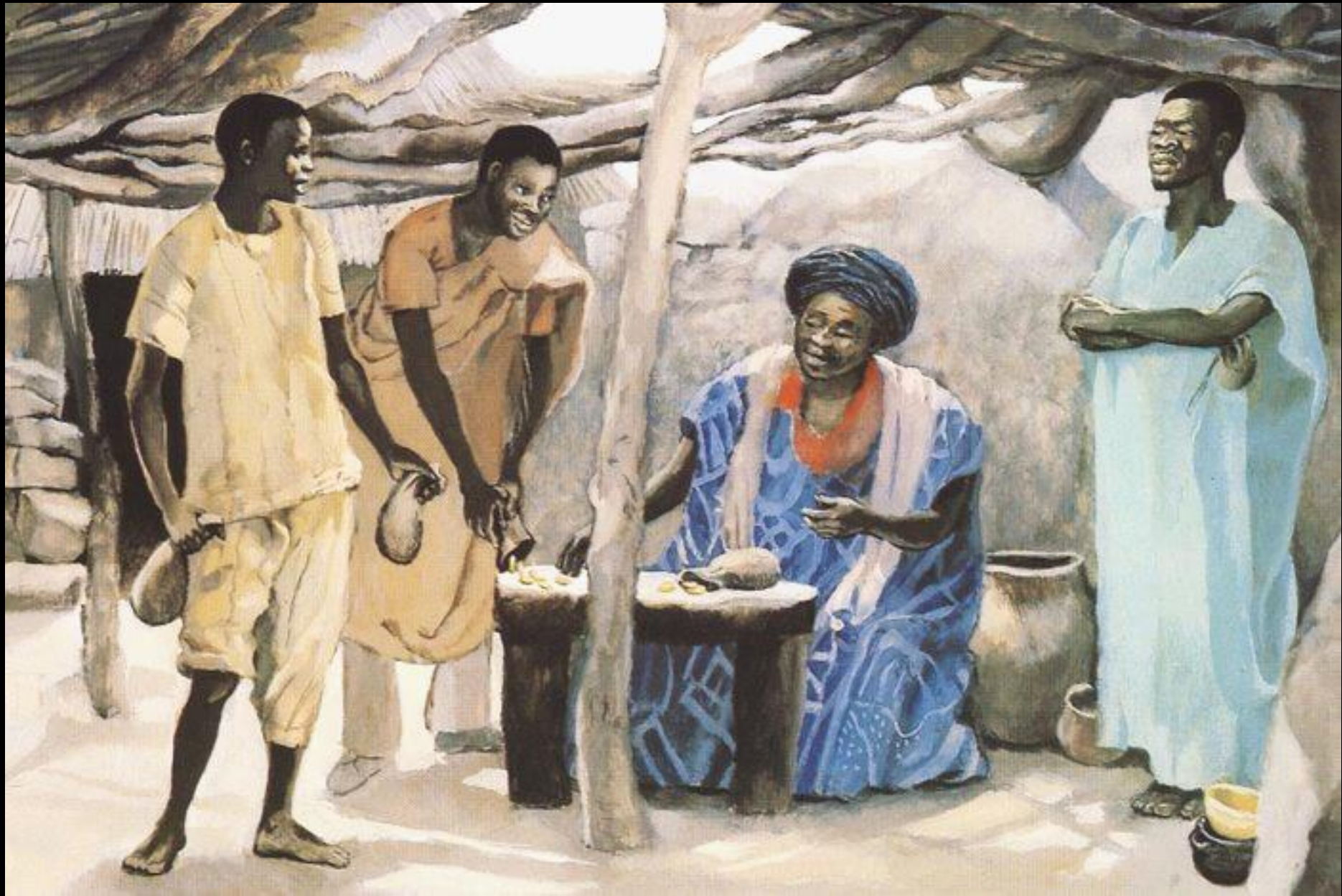


Parable of the Talents -- Willem de Poorter, Narodnie Galerie, Prague, Czech Republic

For to all those who have, more will be given ... but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away."

Matthew 25:29ac





Parable of the Three Servants -- JESUS MAFA, Cameroon

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