

Worship @ Home Guide – Nov 15, 2020

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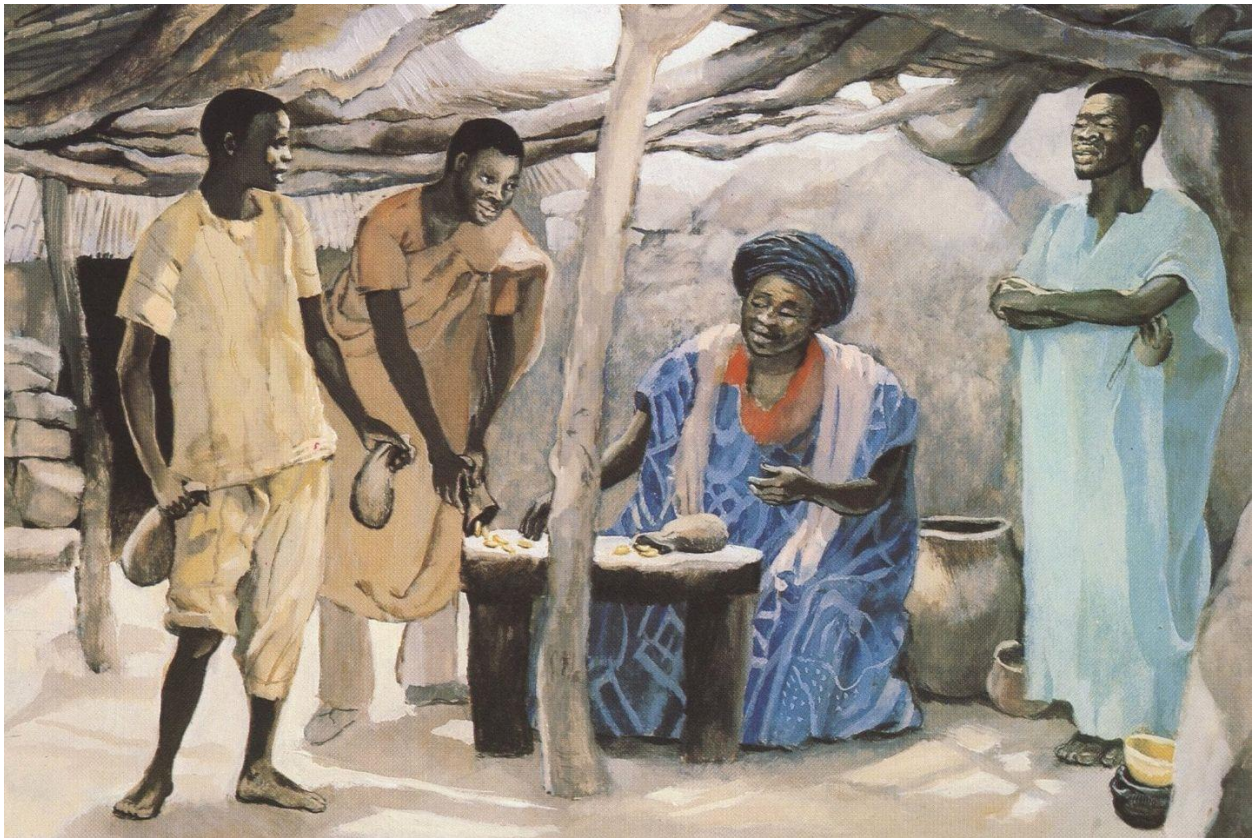


Image: "The Talents" (painting), JESUS MAFA, Cameroon, 1973.

RECONNECT

Gathering Music/Announcements

The Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys sings a special "virtual" rendition of Choir School founder T. Tertius Noble's 'Ora Labora' (Come, Labor On). <https://youtu.be/nMyLtyXxBQg>

Welcome & Prayer of the Day

O God, the gift of your Son
is the life-changing treasure that is truly
beyond all value.
Your generosity and goodness astound us!
Inspire us to teach your commandments and
share your gospel,
that all may enter into the joy of Christ. **Amen.**

Call to Worship

Ps. 90:1, 2

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations;
you have been our home throughout all the ages.
You were there before the world was made and will be forever.
From everlasting to everlasting you are God.

Hymn - Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

READ

Scripture Reading

Matthew 25:14–30

The Parable of the Talents

¹⁴ "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵ to one he gave five talents,^[a] to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶ The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. ¹⁷ In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸ But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. ¹⁹ After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰ Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' ²¹ His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' ²² And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' ²³ His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' ²⁴ Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; ²⁵ so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' ²⁶ But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? ²⁷ Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸ So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹ For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even

what they have will be taken away. ³⁰ As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

REFLECT

Message **“An Allegory of Love”**

Musical Reflection- **"Love Wins" - Sara Beck and Park Chisolm (Mel Washington/Wyatt Durrette Cover)**

RESPOND

Affirmation of Faith – Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of the saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers

Let us pray for the needs of the world, saying,
O God of hope, awaken us to your new world.

We pray for all leaders and people of the world
that we may expose the powers and principalities of injustice
and work together to build your reign of peace.
O God of hope, **awaken us to your new world.**

We pray for all who yearn for your light to break forth
in places of sickness, toil, or danger,
that we may find our way to your glorious realm
through our love for one another.
O God of hope, **awaken us to your new world.**

Your coming is the dawn of a new day
that brings hope and healing to our lives.
Fill your church with the light of your love
that we may be still and know that you are God
and stand in wonder of your majesty.
O God of hope, **awaken us to your new world.**

Rouse us to live in this present age
in light of our hope for your return.
Inspire us to encourage each other to tend the earth
and to press harder than we think we can
to work toward your new creation.
O God of hope, **awaken us to your new world.**

Give us the courage to acknowledge human frailty, limitation,
and even death,
with confidence in your eternal plan.
For we dwell forever in light with you,
our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. **Amen.**

RETURN

Charge & Benediction

Sisters and brothers,

**God in Christ has given us the glorious treasure of eternal life.
Do not leave this treasure hidden,
but rather enjoy its abundance with everyone.**

Sending Hymn Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ – Opequon PC Singers

Hymns from Glory to God.

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