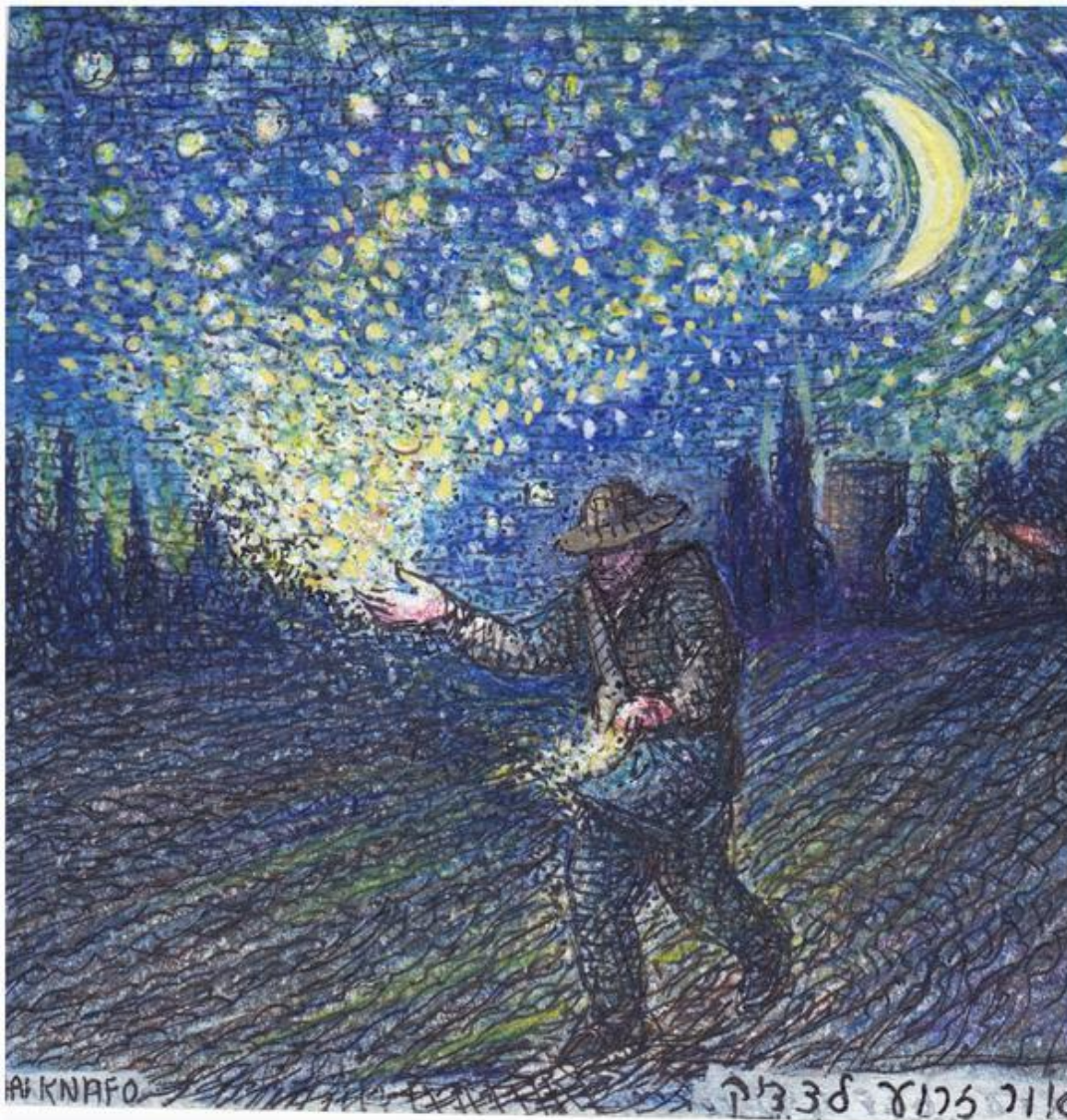


# St. Patrick's Episcopal Church Incline Village, Nevada



*Starlight Sower Hai Knafo*

## *Seeking Light and Sharing Love*

**We welcome you to Saint Patrick's Church.** We are truly pleased that you have chosen to worship with us today.

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# Seventh Sunday in Pentecost

## July 12, 2026

**Prelude** *Somebody's Knockin' at My Door* LEVAS #100

### SERVICE OF THE WORD

**Opening Hymn** *All Things Bright and Beautiful* Hymnal 1982 #405

The musical score for 'All Things Bright and Beautiful' is presented in two systems. The first system includes a 'Descant' line and a 'Refrain' line. The second system continues the melody and includes four numbered verses. The score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes.

*Descant*  
All things bright and beau - ti - ful, crea-tures great and small,  
*Refrain*  
All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all crea-tures great and small,  
all things wise and won - der - ful, God made them all.  
all things wise and won - der - ful, the Lord God made them all.  
1 Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,  
2 The pur - ple - head - ed moun-tain, the riv - er run - ning by,  
3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas - ant sum - mer sun,  
4 He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell  
*Repeat Refrain*  
he made their glow-ing col - ors, he made their ti - ny wings.  
the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright - ens up the sky,  
the ripe fruits in the gar - den, he made them ev - ery one.  
how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well.

### Opening Acclamation

Blessed by God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

*And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

### Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

# Song of Praise: LEVAS #245

1. We have come in - to His house and gath - ered in His name to  
 2. So for - get a - bout your - self and con - cen - trate on Him and  
 3. Let us lift up ho - ly hands and mag - ni - fy His name and

1. wor - ship Him, \_\_\_\_\_ We have come in - to His house and  
 2. wor - ship Him, \_\_\_\_\_ So for - get a - bout your - self and  
 3. wor - ship Him, \_\_\_\_\_ Let us lift up ho - ly hands and

1. gath - ered in His name to wor - ship Him; \_\_\_\_\_ We have  
 2. con - cen - trate on Him and wor - ship Him; \_\_\_\_\_ So for -  
 3. mag - ni - fy His name and wor - ship Him; \_\_\_\_\_ Let us

1. come in - to His house and gath - ered in His name to  
 2. get a - bout your - self and con - cen - trate on Him and  
 3. lift up ho - ly hands and mag - ni - fy His name and

wor - ship Christ, the Lord, Wor-ship Him, Christ \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord. \_\_\_\_\_

The Lord be with you.

*And also with you.*

Let us pray.

**Collect of the Day:** O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### **The First Reading: *Genesis 25:19-34***

These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac prayed to the LORD for his wife, because she was barren; and the LORD granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. The children struggled together within her; and she said, "If it is to be this way, why do I live?" So she went to inquire of the LORD. And the LORD said to her,

"Two nations are in your womb,  
and two peoples born of you shall be divided;  
the one shall be stronger than the other,  
the elder shall serve the younger."

When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. Afterward his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them.

When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob.

Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!" (Therefore he was called Edom.) Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright." Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?" Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

The word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

### **Psalm 119:105-112**

- 105 Your word is a lantern to my feet \*  
and a light upon my path.
- 106 I have sworn and am determined \*  
to keep your righteous judgments.
- 107 I am deeply troubled; \*  
preserve my life, O LORD, according to your word.
- 108 Accept, O LORD, the willing tribute of my lips, \*  
and teach me your judgments.
- 109 My life is always in my hand, \*  
yet I do not forget your law.
- 110 The wicked have set a trap for me, \*  
but I have not strayed from your commandments.
- 111 Your decrees are my inheritance for ever; \*  
truly, they are the joy of my heart.
- 112 I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes \*  
for ever and to the end.

## Second Reading: *Romans 8:1-11*

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

The word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

Sequence Hymn *Seek Ye First* Hymnal 1982 #711 vv. 1, 2, 3, 1

1 Seek ye . . . first the king - dom of God and its  
2 Ask and it shall be giv - en un - to you; seek and  
3 We do not live by bread . . . a - lone, but by

righteous - ness, and all these things shall be  
you shall find; knock and the door shall be  
ev - 'ry word that pro - ceeds from the

add - ed un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.  
o - pened un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.  
mouth . . of . . . God. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.

## **The Holy Gospel: *Matthew 13:1-9,18-23***

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"

"Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

The Gospel of the Lord.

***Praise to you, Lord Christ***

**Sermon**

The Very Rev. Marla Asson

***Nicene Creed: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.***

**Prayers of the People: Form VI**

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;

***For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.***

For this community, the nation, and the world;  
***For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.***

For the just and proper use of your creation;  
***For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.***

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;  
***For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.***

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
***For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.***

For Sean our Presiding Bishop; Elizabeth, our Bishop; and for all  
bishops and other ministers;  
***For all who serve God in his Church.***

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, Barbara, Jamie, Jean, Cindy, Sarah,  
Trina, Anaya, Andy, Rachel, Eric, Christine, Victoria, Jim, Dylan, Jon, Debra Kay, Marsha,  
Everett.  
Hear us, Lord;  
***For your mercy is great.***

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*(Moment of silence so people can add their own prayers of thanksgiving.)*

We will exalt you, O God our King;  
***And praise your Name for ever and ever.***

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in  
your eternal kingdom;

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
***Who put their trust in you.***

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

***Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
In your compassion forgive us our sins,  
Known and unknown, Things done and left undone;  
And so uphold us by your Spirit  
That we may live and serve you in newness of life,  
To the honor and glory of your Name;  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

**Absolution:** Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of  
Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in  
eternal life. ***Amen.***

### **The Peace:**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*And also with you.*

### **Announcements**

### **Special Blessings**

**Music at the Offertory:** *I've Got Peace Like a River* LEVAS #201

### **Offertory:**

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**Doxology Hymnal 1982 #380: *Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here below. Praise God above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.***

### **SERVICE OF THE TABLE: Eucharistic Prayer C**

The Lord be with you.

*And also with you.*

Lift up your hearts.

***We lift them to the Lord.***

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***It is right to give God thanks and praise.***

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

***Glory to you for ever and ever.***

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

***By your will they were created and have their being.***

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

***Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.***

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

***By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.***

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is the one who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,  
***We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.***

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

***Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.***

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. *AMEN.*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say: ***Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.***

**The Breaking of the Bread:**

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

***Therefore let us keep the feast.***

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving

**Music at Communion:** *Take Our Bread*

Joe Wise

Let us pray: ***Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.***

**Congregational Blessing**

Now, let us depart this place in peace. As we go, remember the poor, pray for the sick, make no peace with oppression, and love one another as Christ has loved you. And the blessing of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, rest upon you and remain with you always.

**Hymn** *When Morning Gilds the Skies* Hymnal 1982 #427 vv. 1, 2, 4, 5

1 When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart, a - wak - ing, cries,  
 2 When mirth for mu - sic longs, this is my song of songs:  
 3 No love - lier an - ti - phon in all high heaven is known  
 4 Ye na - tions of man - kind, in this your con - cord find:  
 5 Sing, suns and stars of space, sing, ye that see his face,

1 may Je - sus Christ be praised! When eve - ning sha - dows fall,  
 2 may Je - sus Christ be praised! God's ho - ly house of prayer  
 3 than, Je - sus Christ be praised! There to the e - ter - nal Word  
 4 may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let all the earth a - round  
 5 sing, Je - sus Christ be praised! God's whole cre - a - tion o'er,

1 this rings my cur - few call, may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
 2 hath none that can com - pare with: Je - sus Christ be praised!  
 3 the e - ter - nal psalm is heard: may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
 4 ring joy - ous with the sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
 5 both now and ev - er - more shall Je - sus Christ be praised!

Words: German, ca. 1800; tr. Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1930), alt. Music: *Laudes Domini*, Joseph Barnby (1838-1896).

Let us go forth rejoicing in the power of the Spirit!  
*Thanks be to God!*

**Postlude** *Somebody's Knockin' Reprise*



*Please join us for refreshments on the deck following worship!*



We remember those who are in our Columbarium.

## Worship Assistants

Minister of Music: Donna Axton

*Choir:* Gwendalyn Gilliam, Nora Behrens, Daniel Gollery, Suzanne & Marty Gollery, Larry Harrison, Kay Lehr, Bret Logan, Donna Dekker-Robertson, Paula Chapman, Thea Reed, Steve Barney

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Usher: Len Thomsen

Counters: Lenty Hagen & Connie Skidmore

Altar Guild: Daniel Gollery

Lay Eucharistic Minister: Nora Behrens

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The Very Rev. Marla Asson, Rector

## Members of the Vestry

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Paula Chapman, Treasurer

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Paula Chapman (2025-2028 term)

Thea Reed (2026-2029 term)

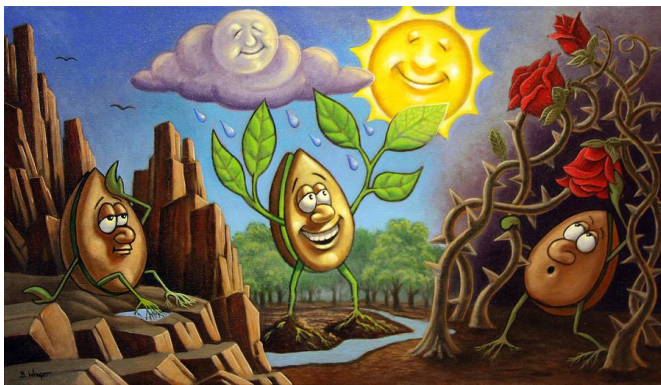
Nora Behrens, *Parish Administrator*

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Notes on Cover Art: A Review of Sower Art! From [sjebp.com/15th-sunday-of-the-year](http://sjebp.com/15th-sunday-of-the-year), the website of St John the Evangelist, Brownswood Park. St John's is the Church of England (Anglican) parish church of the Hackney bit of Finsbury Park in north London.



Last night I was looking through the internet to find some an image to put up on our social media to advertise today's Mass. I came across an extraordinary selection of art that depicted the Parable of the Sower. It is, after all, a famous parable. The first one, shown here, was not quite what I was expecting, but I soon discovered all sorts of, shall we say, more conventional interpretations. In fact, it made me realise that I'd never explored this parable through art before. I think perhaps because, if I'm honest, in my head, the scene looks how it did when I drew it out as a cartoon for a Religious Studies lesson at school.



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The Parable of the Sower by Vincent Van Gogh (left) and Pieter De Bruegel's depiction (right)

It has inspired though, perhaps unsurprisingly, quite an array of art. I hadn't realised that Van Gogh had painted the scene, as did the 16<sup>th</sup> century Flemish painter Pieter Bruegel. Modern painters have tackled the scene too, like Wayne Forte and Miki de Goodaboom (below).



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Wayne Forte's "The Sower" on the left, and "The Parable of the Sower" by Miki de Goodaboom on the right.

But the one that really struck me was this, from the Jesus Mafa community (next page) – I think, probably, because the topic of racial justice has been so much at the forefront of minds. The community are a group of Christians in Cameroon. They worked with a group of French missionaries to re-enact, in real life, different scenes from the Bible. They were to be 'classical' in composition, but the clothing and activities were to be a true reflection of the people who made up the scene. As the scenes took shape, they were transcribed onto paper and made into a library of paintings. In terms of art, they're not really anything special, but for a society that is so used to seeing the dominant fair, white, never done a day's work in his life, Jesus, they were uncomfortable to see. Still today, it is easy for us as a church, and I include myself in that, to perpetuate the image of a Caucasian Christ. Which he wasn't. He probably wasn't black either. I remember being in the Holy Land and stopping in the desert outside Jericho. There, as soon as we got off the bus, a group of Bedouin children swarmed around to sell us scarfs and beads. One

was holding a lamb, so that tourists could pose for photos. “There” our leader pointed out, “don’t you go thinking Jesus was white. There’s the face of Christ there.”



The Parable of the Sower from the Jesus Mafa Community

In almost every way, the ethnicity with which Christ is depicted is irrelevant. Race is only a few millimetres of epidermis, some more melanin or less of it. Other than that, we’re human, and so is Christ, so what does it matter about the skin colour we see him as. But to leave it at that would be to forget that it is due to that extra melanin, that utterly biologically superficial element of the human body, that hundreds of thousands of people through the ages have been tortured, abused, pushed aside and made unequal. It is a scourge that continues to be a horribly real part of human existence. So, it does matter if we show Christ as anything other than having something akin to the colour of my pasty English skin. It elevates the people who are represented to their full human dignity, that is, the image of Christ. It allows that particular ethnic group who are depicted to see themselves in the Son of God, and it forces anyone who claims to be Christian to see that ethnic group for who they really are. A beloved child worthy of all that God has given humanity in Christ.

Parables are one of the ways Jesus used to try and get his listeners to enter the story. Here, for this group of Christians in Cameroon, by assembling themselves into this scene, and most importantly, did so in a way that was authentic to their culture and way of life, they were able to enter the story too. The Parable of the Sower is one that I could bore you with all sorts of explanations and interpretations. But I don’t want to. I want you just to enter the story. Read it again. Look at the pictures. Imagine how the scene would look in the midst of your way of life, your culture, your ethnicity, your family. And rejoice in that – because Christ has invited you into that story, in order that you might see yourself in him.