

# Morning Time: Day 1

## Old Testament Reading

Genesis 11:1-9

## Hymn

*O Thou Who Camest From Above*

~ Charles Wesley (1707-1788); Tune: *Hereford*

## Art

*The Tower of Babel* (1563)

~ Pieter Bruegel the Elder (c.1525-1569)

## New Testament Reading

Luke 3:15-22

## Word of the Day: Spirit

Hebrew: *ruah* - (n.) breath, air, wind, spirit

Greek: *pneuma* - (n.) wind, breath, or spirit

Related English word: pneumatic - (adj.)

"Containing or operating by air or gas under pressure."<sup>2</sup> Eg. pneumatic tires

## Poetry

*Who Has Seen the Wind?*

~ Christina Rossetti (1830-1894)

Who has seen the wind?

Neither I nor you:

But when the leaves hang trembling,

The wind is passing through.

Who has seen the wind?

Neither you nor I:

But when the trees bow down their heads,

The wind is passing by.

## O Wind of God

~ George MacDonald (1824-1905)

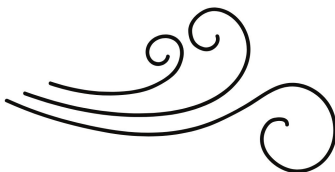
O wind of God, that blowest in the mind,  
Blow, blow and wake the gentle spring in me;  
Blow, swifter blow, a strong warm summer wind,  
Till all the flowers with eyes come out to see;  
Blow till the fruit hangs red on every tree,  
And our high-soaring song-larks meet thy dove -  
High the imperfect soars, descends the perfect  
love!

Blow not the less though winter cometh then;  
Blow, wind of God, blow hither changes keen;  
Let the spring creep into the ground again,  
The flowers close all their eyes and not be seen:  
All lives in thee that ever once hath been!  
Blow, fill my upper air with icy storms;  
Breathe cold, O wind of God, and kill my  
cankerworms.

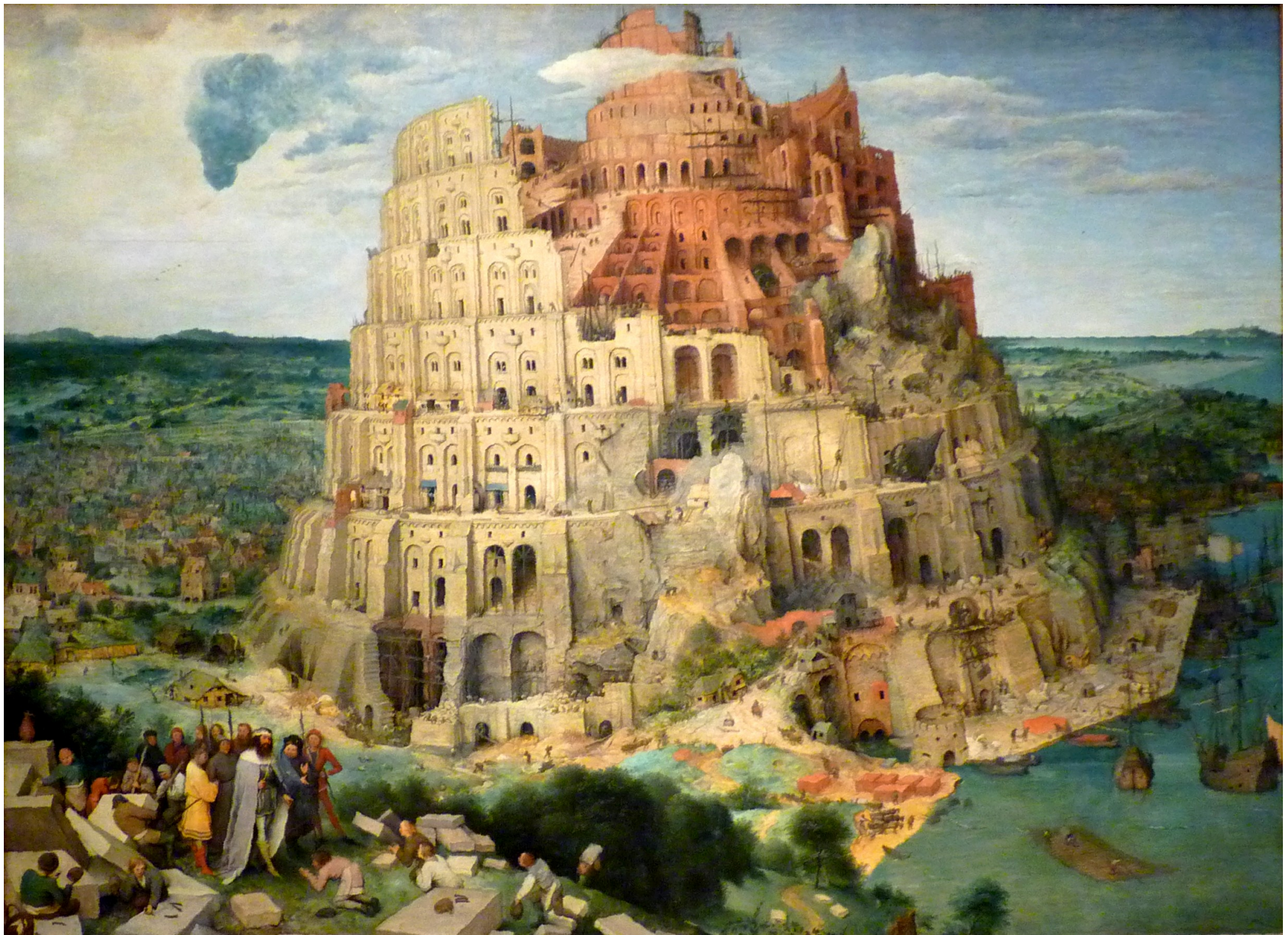
## Prayer

Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit,  
that my thoughts may all be holy.  
Act in me, O Holy Spirit,  
that my work, too, may be holy.  
Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit,  
that I love but what is holy.  
Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit,  
to defend all that is holy.  
Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit,  
that I always may be holy.  
Amen.

~ St. Augustine of Hippo (354-430)







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