

A religious painting depicting the Virgin Mary in profile, looking towards the left. She has dark hair and is wearing a dark red garment. In her hands, she holds the infant Jesus. A large, white lily flower is prominently featured in the foreground on the left side of the image. The background is dark and textured.

# Fourth Sunday of Advent

*Year A*

Isaiah 7:10-16

Psalms 80:1-7, 17-19

Romans 1:1-7

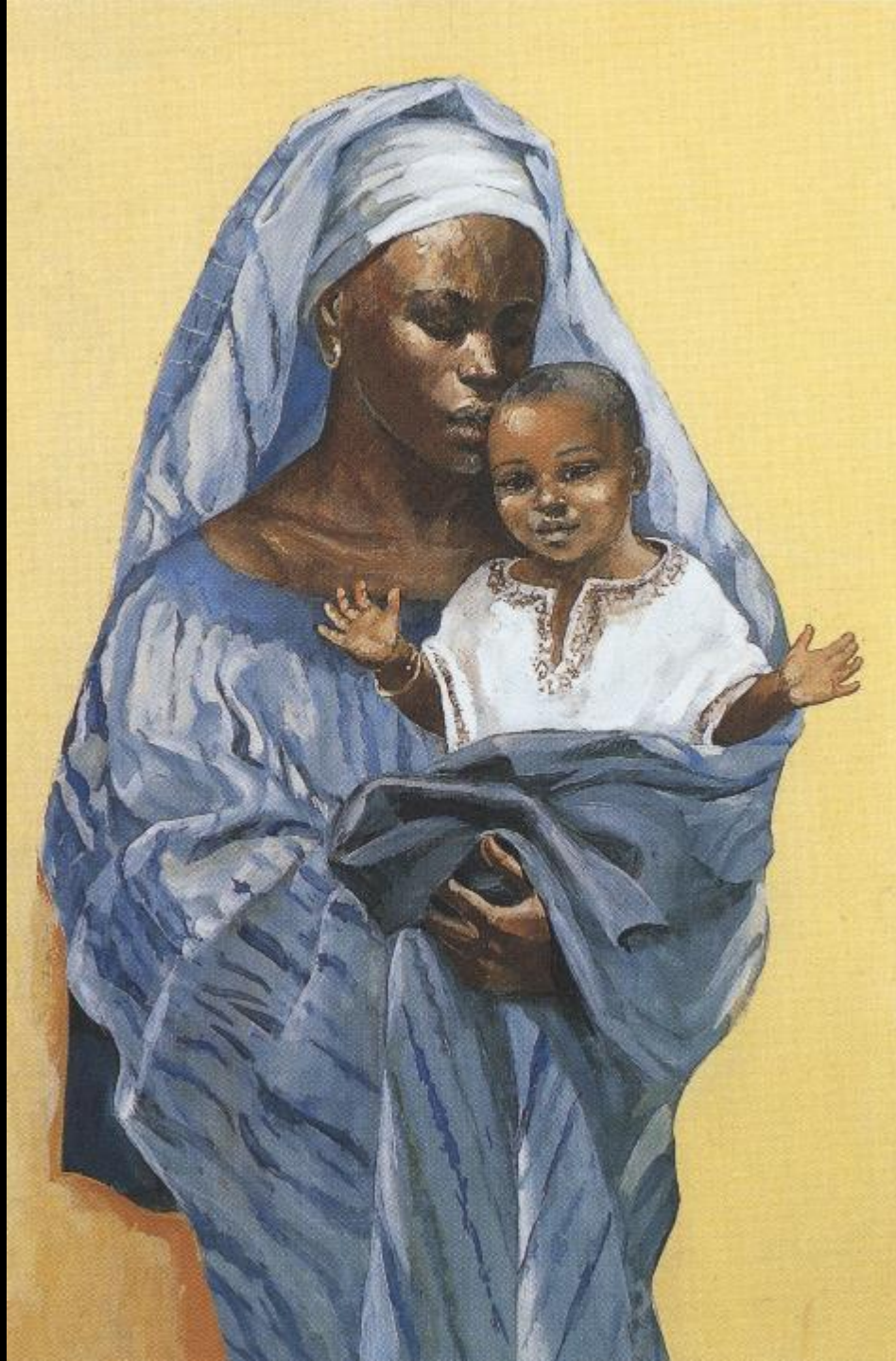
Matthew 1:18-25

Look, the young woman is with child  
and shall bear a son, and shall name  
him Immanuel.

Isaiah 7:14b

Mary and the  
Christ Child

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Cameroon





Mary and Baby  
Jesus

Kathleen Peterson  
Spring City, UT

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,  
you who lead Joseph like a flock!

Psalm 80:1



Good Shepherd – Gunnar Torhamn, Soderakra Church, Soderakra, Sweden

Restore us, O God;  
let your face shine,  
that we may be saved.

Psalm 80:3



God, from Baptism of Jesus -- Lorenzo Scott, Smithsonian American Art Museum, Washington, DC



...the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David...which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures...

Romans 1:3a, 2

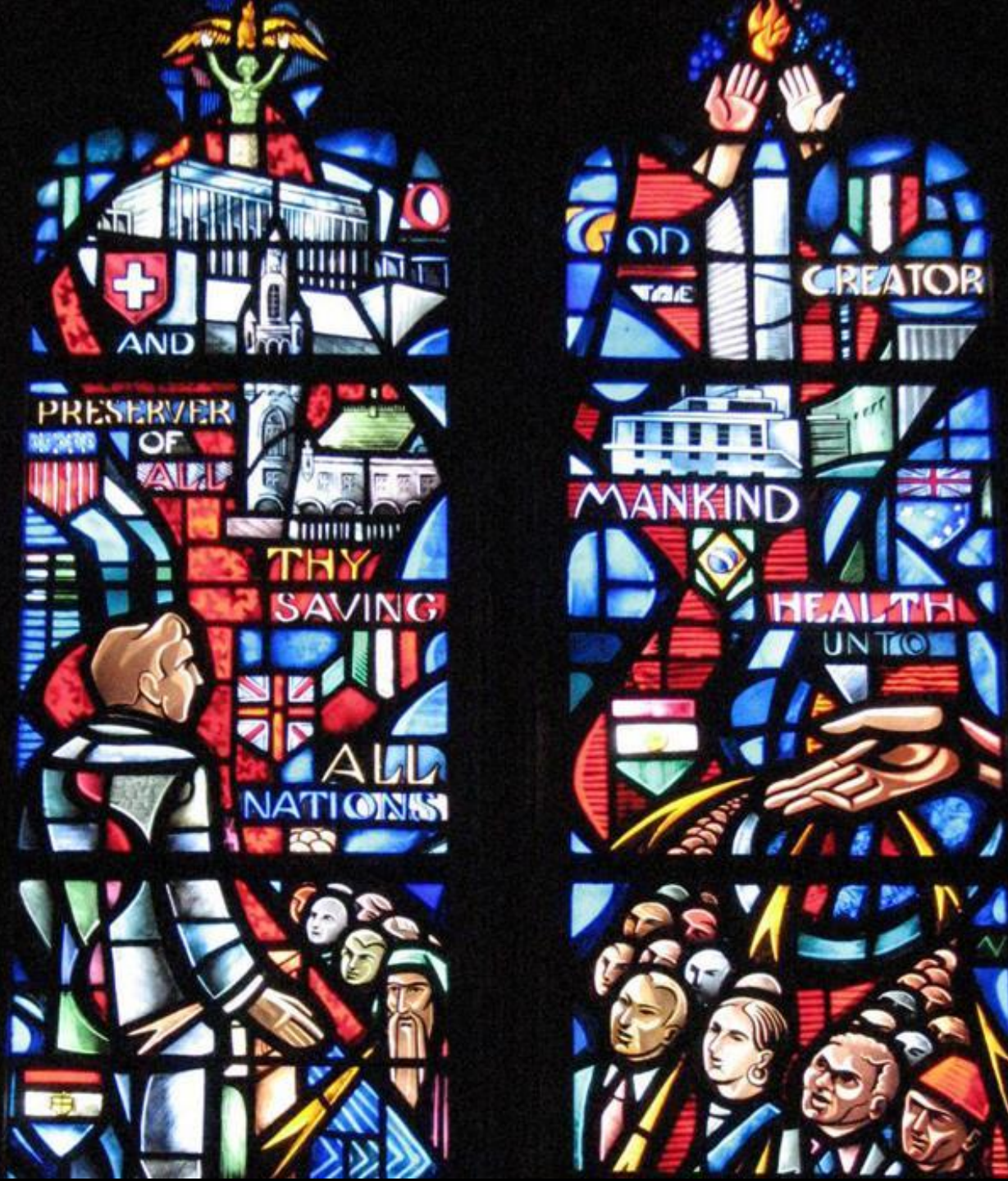


Isaiah  
Prophesying the  
Adoration of  
Christ

Amiens Cathedral

Jesus Christ our Lord, through  
whom we have received grace  
and apostleship...

Romans 1:4c, 5a



Saving Grace to All  
Humankind

National Cathedral  
Washington DC

Grace to you and peace from God  
our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 1:7

Messenger of Peace

Barbara Pearson  
Manchester, England



...she was found to be with child  
from the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 1:18c



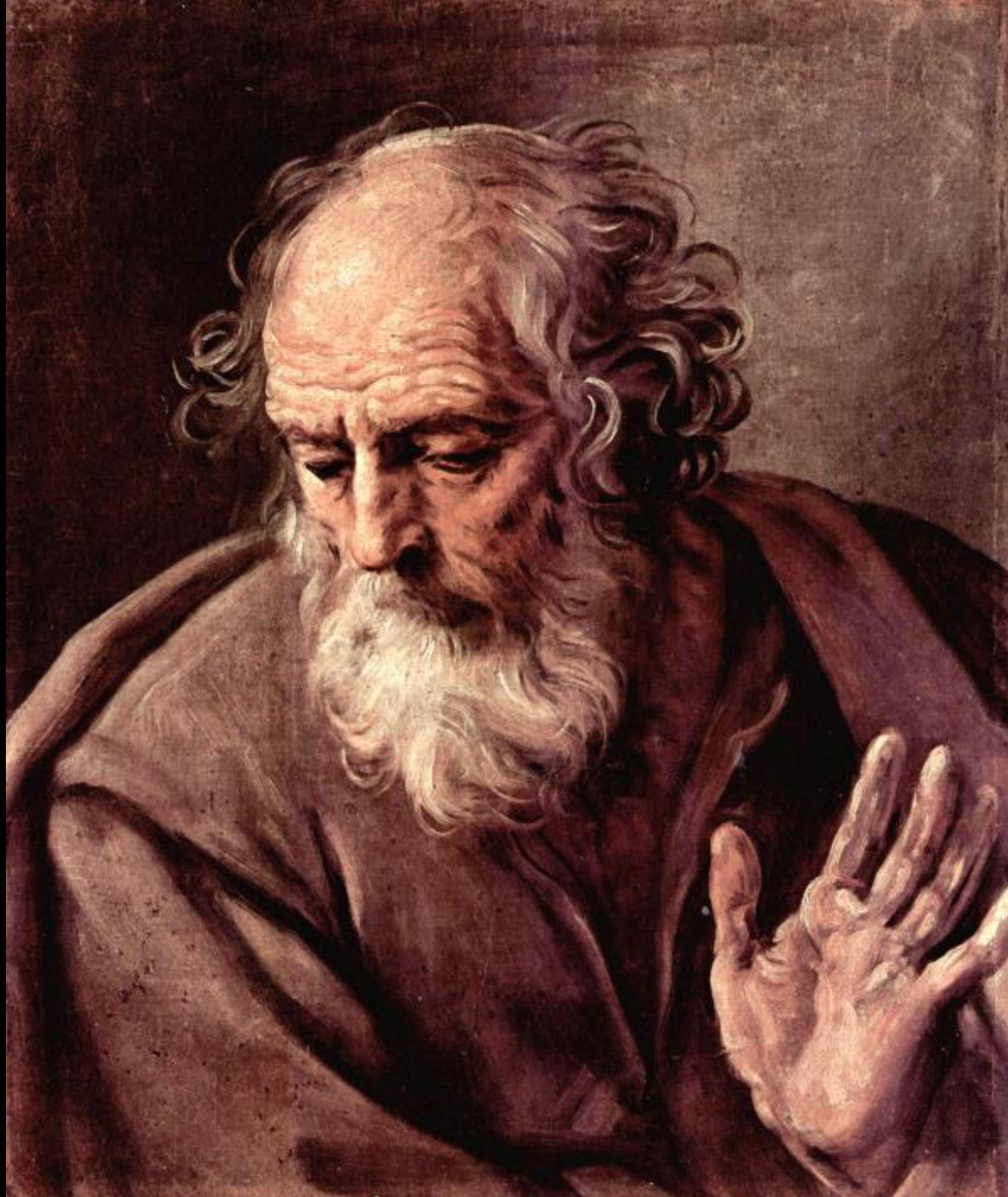
Mary with Child

Collegiate Church of  
Saint Mary  
Toro, Spain



Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly.

Matthew 1:19



Joseph

Guido Reni  
Palazzo Barberini  
Rome, Italy

...an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit."

Matthew 1:20bc



Joseph's Dream -- Lille Cathedral, Lille, France

She will bear a son, and you  
are to name him Jesus...

Matthew 1:21a



Joseph the Carpenter

Georges de la Tour  
Louvre Museum

All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

"Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us."

Matthew 1:22-23



Jesus Christ -- Mural from The Way Jesus Christ Christian Church, New Orleans, LA

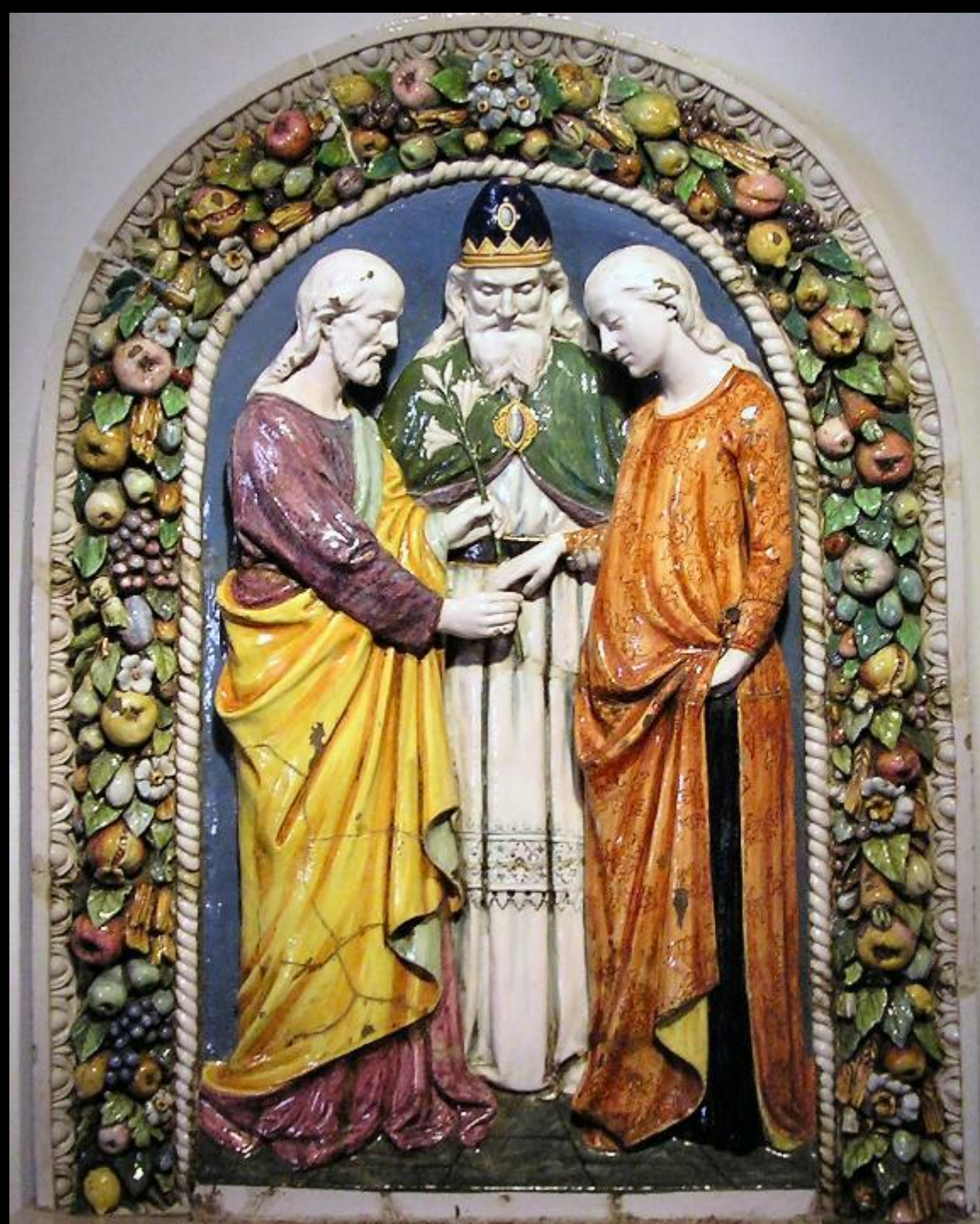


When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife.

Matthew 1:24

Marriage of Joseph and  
Mary

Andrea della Robbia  
Malmo, Sweden



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