

A painting of a woman sitting on a bed in a room. She is wearing a long, patterned robe and has her hands clasped in her lap. She is looking off to the side with a thoughtful expression. The room has a wooden headboard, a white blanket, and a blue cloth on the right. The lighting is warm and soft.

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*Year C*

Micah 5:2-5a • Luke 1:46b-55 or  
Psalm 80:1-7 • Hebrews 10:5-10  
Luke 1:39-45, (46-55)

But you, O Bethlehem ... when she  
who is in labor has brought forth ...  
from you shall come forth ... the  
one of peace ...

Micah 5:2a, 3b, 2b, 5c



Nativity in the Snow

Church near Xavier  
University

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.

Luke 1:39a, 40



The Visitation -- Jacopo da Pontormo, Pfaarkirche, Carmignano, Italy

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit ...

Luke 1:41

Visitation  
Church of El Sitio  
El Sitio, El Salvador



and exclaimed with a loud cry,  
"Blessed are you among women, and  
blessed is the fruit of your womb.

Luke 1:42



The Visitation

Brother Eric  
Church of  
Reconciliation  
Taize, France



And why has this happened to  
me, that the mother of my Lord  
comes to me?

Luke 1:43

The Visitation

Church of St.  
Martin  
Nohant-Vic,  
France



For as soon as I heard the sound of  
your greeting, the child in my womb  
leaped for joy.

Luke 1:44



Elizabeth and Mary Greet Each Other -- JESUS MAFA, Cameroon

And blessed is she who believed  
that there would be a fulfillment  
of what was spoken to her by  
the Lord."

Luke 1:45

The Annunciation

El Greco  
Ohara Museum of  
Art  
Kurashiki, Japan





The Annunciation -- JESUS MAFA, Cameroon



And Mary said, "My soul magnifies  
the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in  
God my Savior,

Luke 1:46-47



The Magnificat ("My Soul Doth Magnify the Lord") -- Baltimore Cathedral, Baltimore, MD

for he has looked with favor on the  
lowliness of his servant. Surely,  
from now on all generations will  
call me blessed;

Luke 1:48



The Annunciation

Our Lady of Pity  
Church  
Swaffham,  
England

for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.

Luke 1:49-50



Madonna of Mercy -- Domenico Ghirlandaio, San Salvatore di Ognissanti, Florence, Italy

He has shown strength with his  
arm; he has scattered the proud in  
the thoughts of their hearts.

Luke 1:51



The Visitation

Father Georges Saget  
Keur Moussa Abbey  
Keur Moussa, Senegal



He has brought down the powerful  
from their thrones, and lifted up  
the lowly;

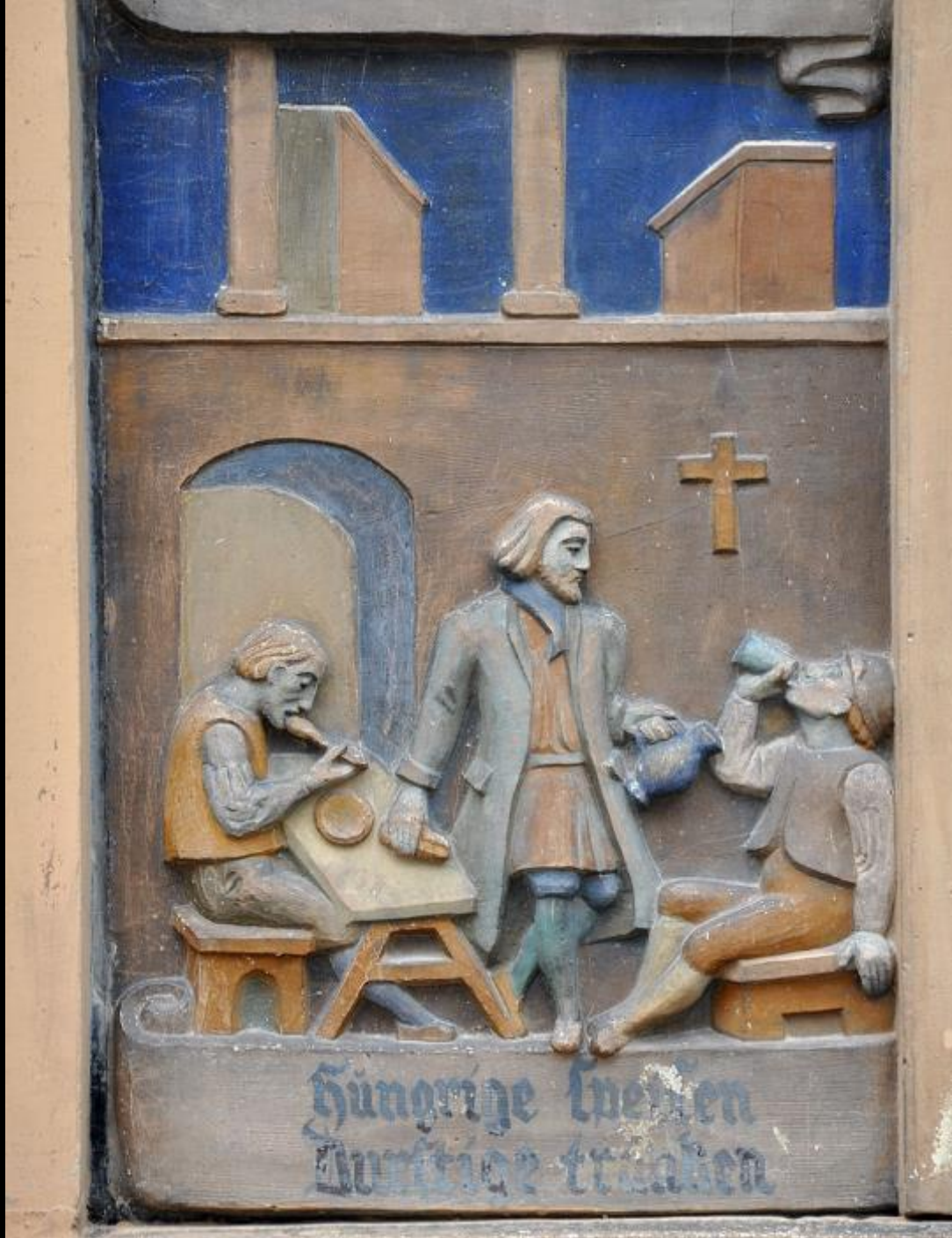
Luke 1:52



The Annunciation -- Henry Ossawa Tanner, Philadelphia Museum of Art, Philadelphia, PA

he has filled the hungry with  
good things, and sent the rich  
away empty.

Luke 1:53



Feeding the Hungry

Biberach, Germany

He has helped his servant Israel,  
in remembrance of his mercy,  
according to the promise he made  
to our ancestors, to Abraham and  
to his descendants forever.

Luke 1:54



The Presentation -- John August Swanson

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