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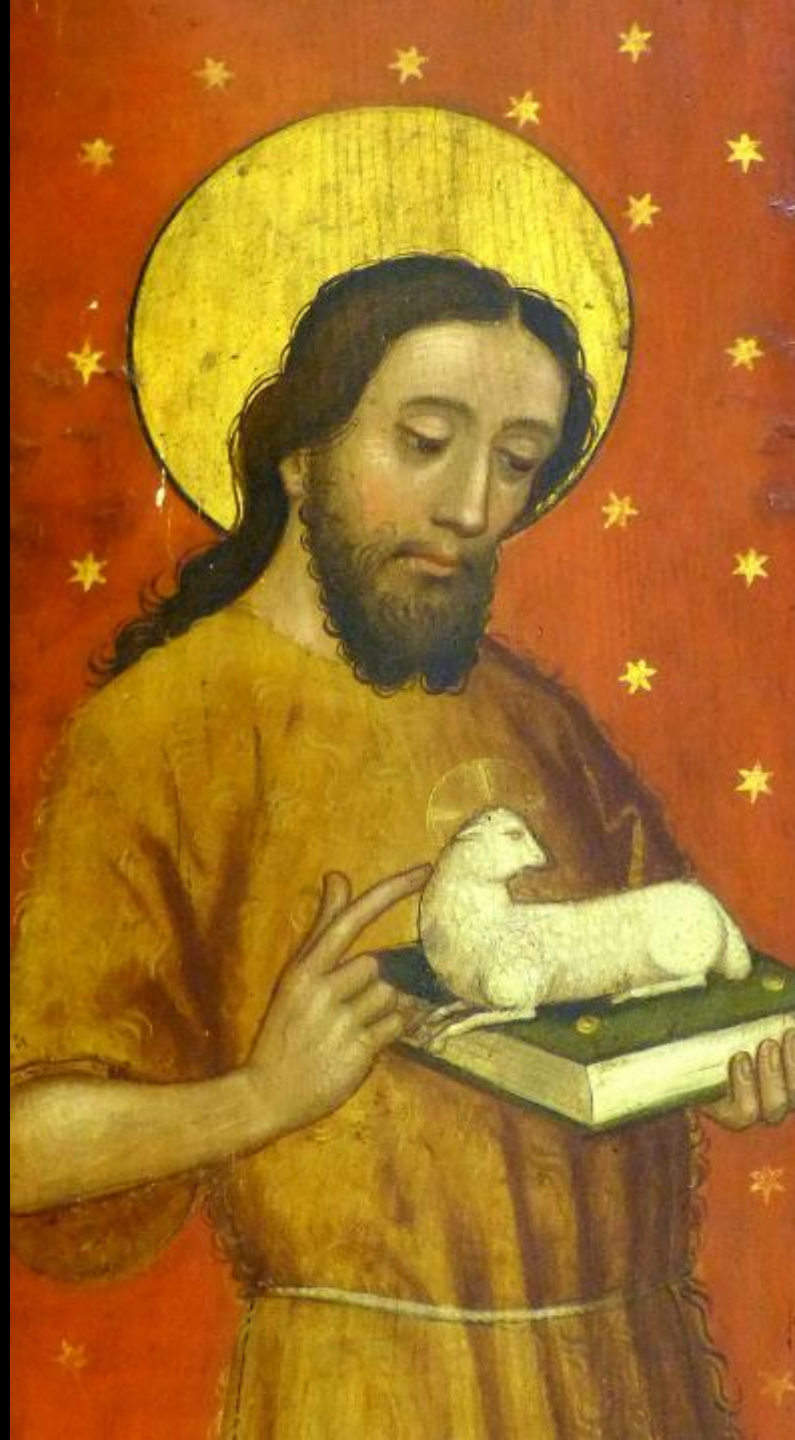
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Malachi 3:1-4 - Luke 1:68-79 - Philippians 1:3-11 - Luke 3:1-6

See, I am sending my messenger to
prepare the way before me ... indeed,
he is coming, says the LORD of hosts.

Malachi 3:1ac

John the Baptist
Altar of St. Catherine
Church of St. John and St.
Martin
Schwabach, Germany



"Blessed be the Lord God of Israel ...
He has raised up a mighty savior for
us in the house of his servant David,

Luke 1:68a, 69a

Mary and the Child
Jesus

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And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High ... to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins.

Luke 1:76a, 77



Christ Child Teaching in the Temple -- JESUS MAFA, Cameroon

By the tender mercy of our God,
the dawn from on high will break
upon us,

Luke 1:78



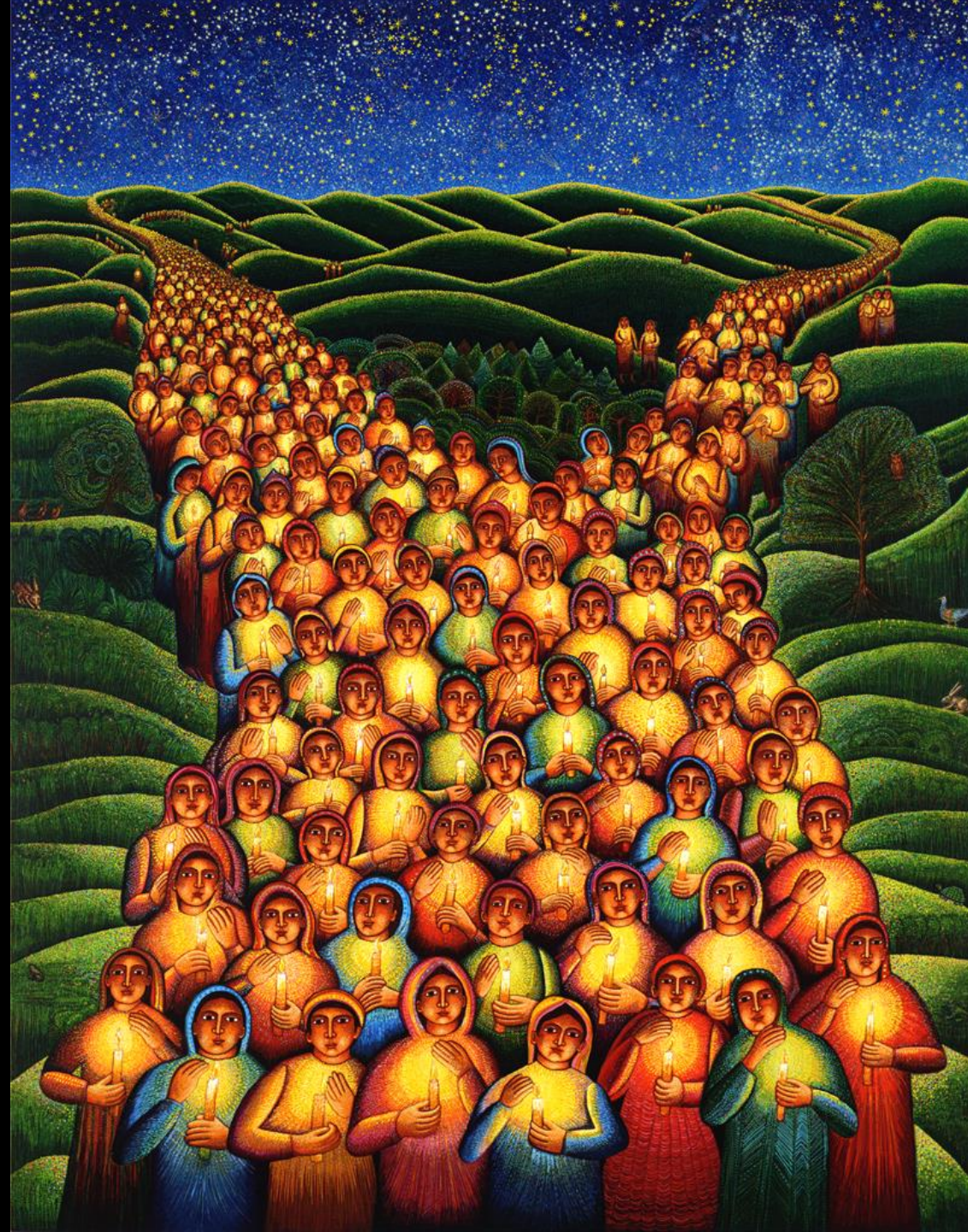
Kenyan Nativity, 2007

to give light to those who sit in
darkness and in the shadow of
death, to guide our feet into the
way of peace."

Luke 1:79

Festival of Lights

John August Swanson



And this is my prayer, that your love
may overflow ... having produced the
harvest of righteousness that comes
through Jesus Christ ...

Philippians 1:9a,11a



Christmas Eve -- Carlton Smith, 1901

... the word of God came to John
son of Zechariah in the wilderness.

Luke 3:2

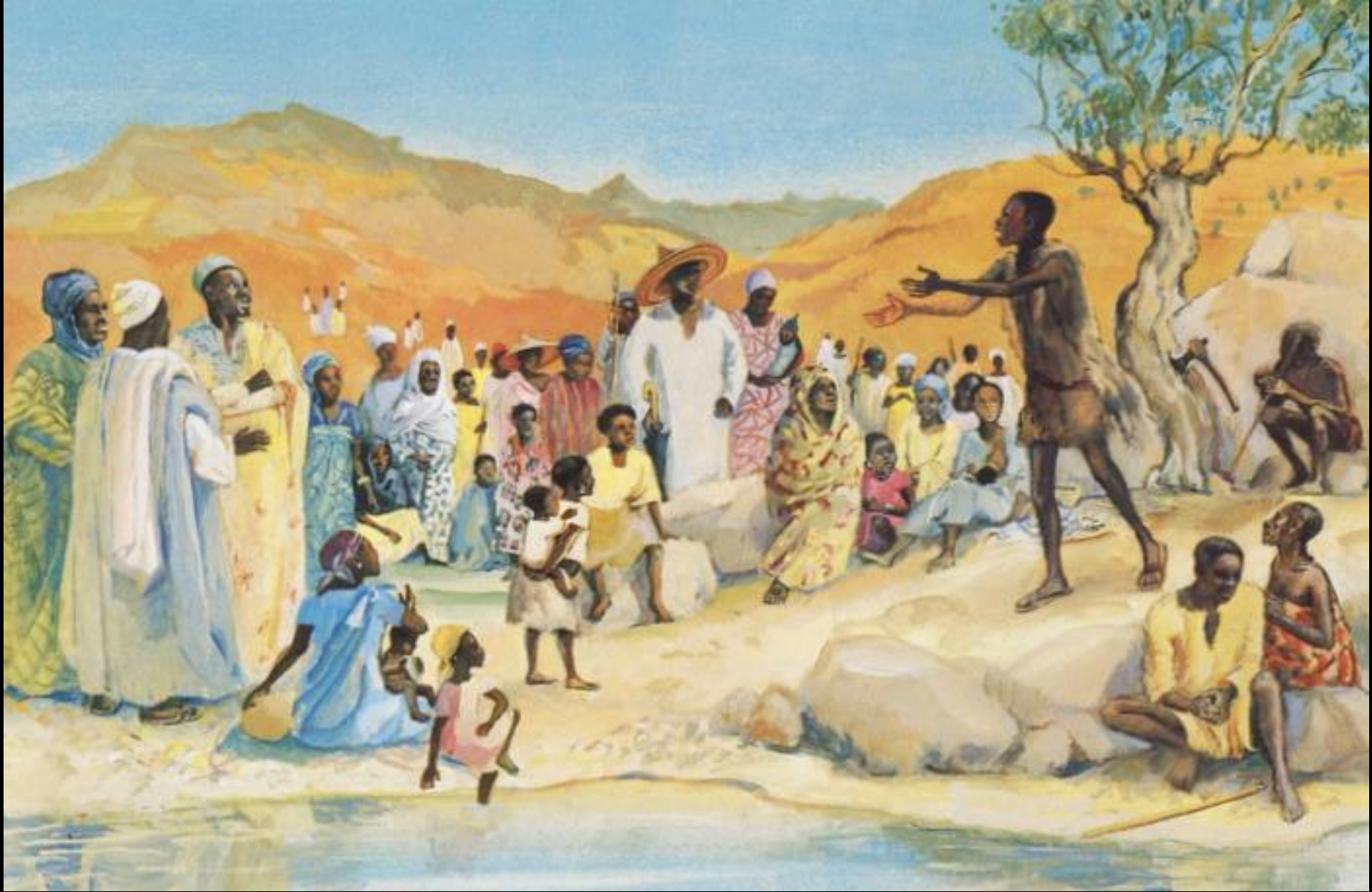
John the Baptist in the
Wilderness

Geertgen tot Sint Jans
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He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins,

Luke 3:3



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as it is written ...

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

Luke 3:4

John the Baptist

Jan van Eyck
Ghent Altarpiece
St. Bavo Cathedral
Ghent, Belgium



Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill
shall be made low,
and the crooked shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth;

Luke 3:5

St. Christopher and
the Christ Child on
the Road of Life

Master of Guillebert
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Morgan Library
New York, NY



and all flesh shall see
the salvation of God."

Luke 3:6



Angels Attend Mary and Jesus -- India, c. 1665, San Diego Museum of Art, San Diego, CA

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