

A classical painting of the Nativity scene. Mary is seated in the center, holding the infant Jesus wrapped in white swaddling clothes. Joseph is on the left, looking towards the child. Several other figures, including shepherds and animals like a donkey and ox, are gathered around the manger. The scene is lit with warm, golden light, creating a sense of intimacy and divine presence.

# Nativity of the Lord III

*Year A*

Isaiah 62:6-12

Psalms 97

Titus 3:4-7

Luke 2:(1-7), 8-20

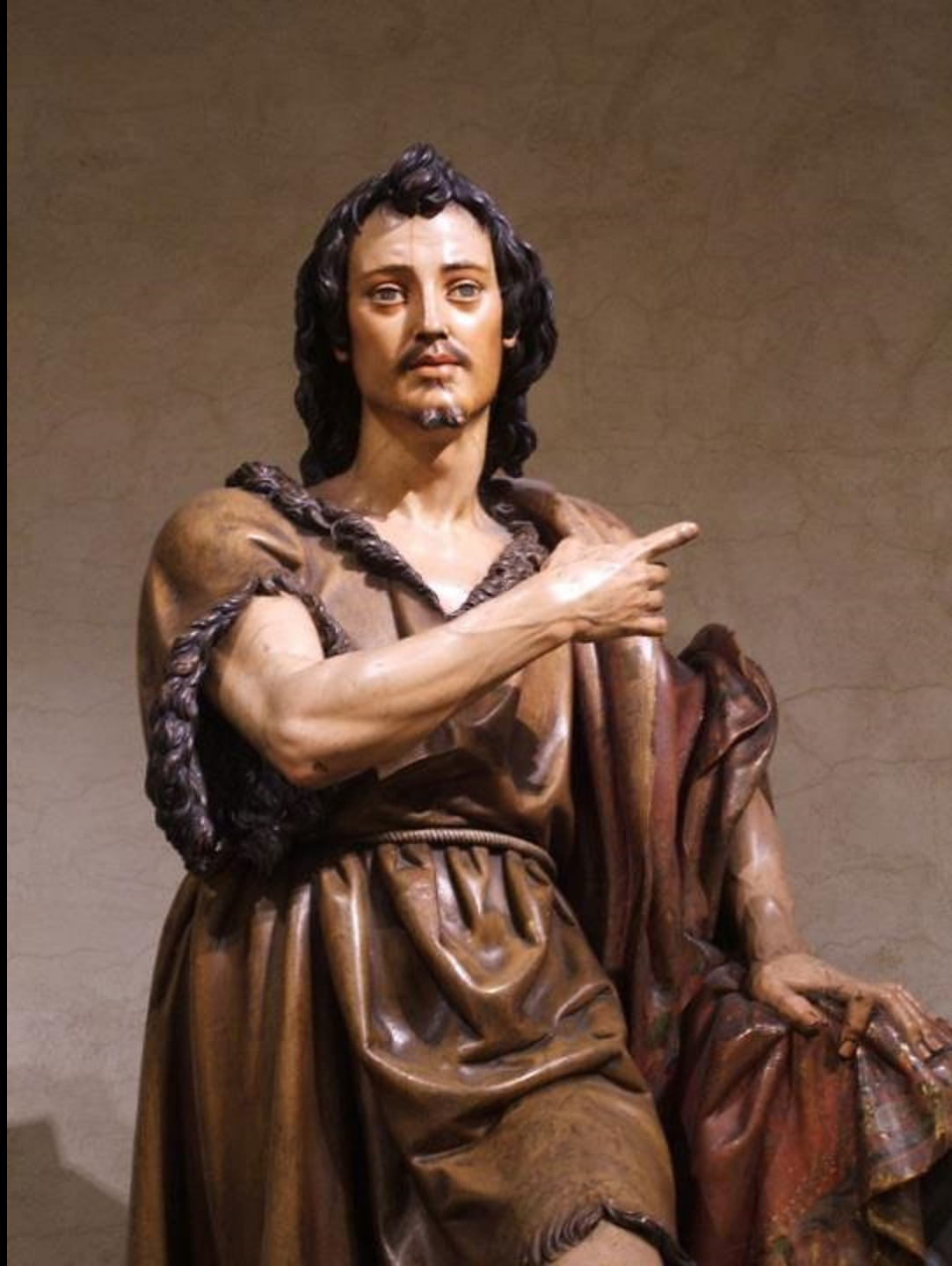
How beautiful upon the mountains  
are the feet of the messenger who  
announces peace, who brings  
good news.

Isaiah 52:7



John the Baptist

Juan Martínez Montañés  
Metropolitan Museum  
New York

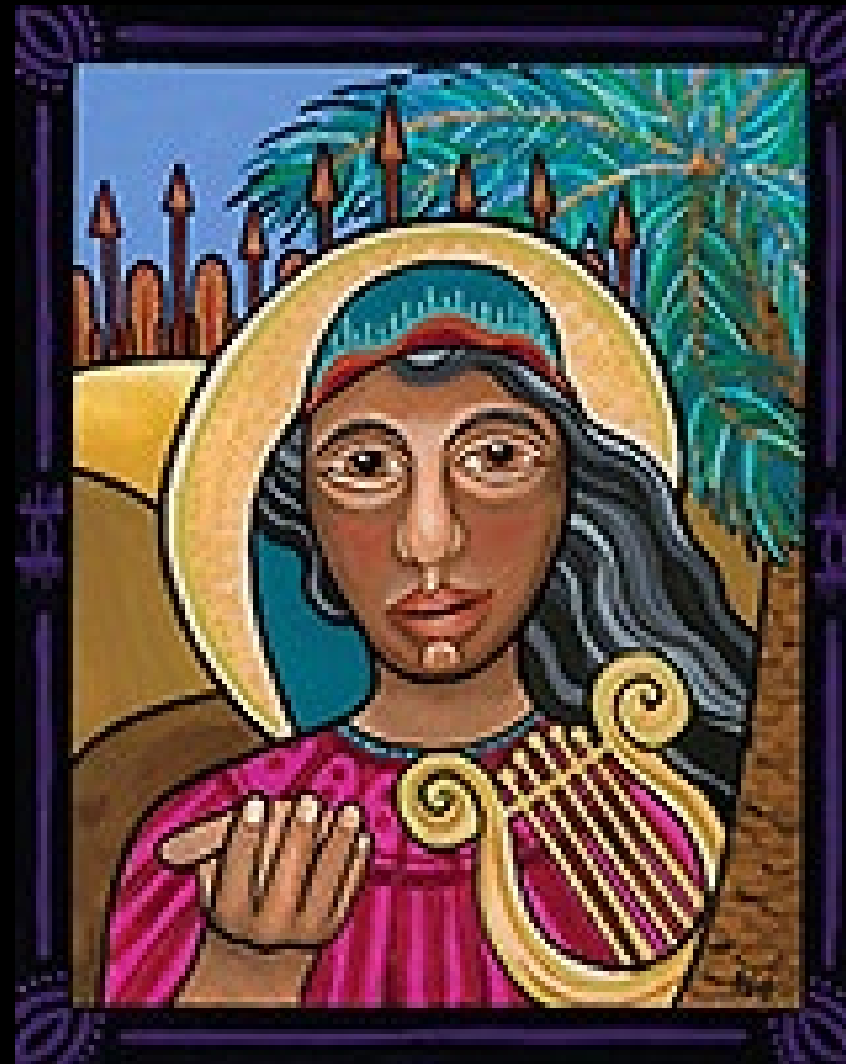


O sing to the LORD a new song,  
for he has done marvelous things.

Psalm 98:1

In Tune (the prophetess  
Deborah)

Lauren Wright Pittman



Make a joyful noise to the LORD,  
all the earth; break forth into  
joyous song and sing praises.

Psalm 98:4

Old Woman Singing  
Gerrit von Honthorst  
National Museum Warsaw,  
Poland



With trumpets and the sound  
of the horn make a joyful noise...

Psalm 98:6



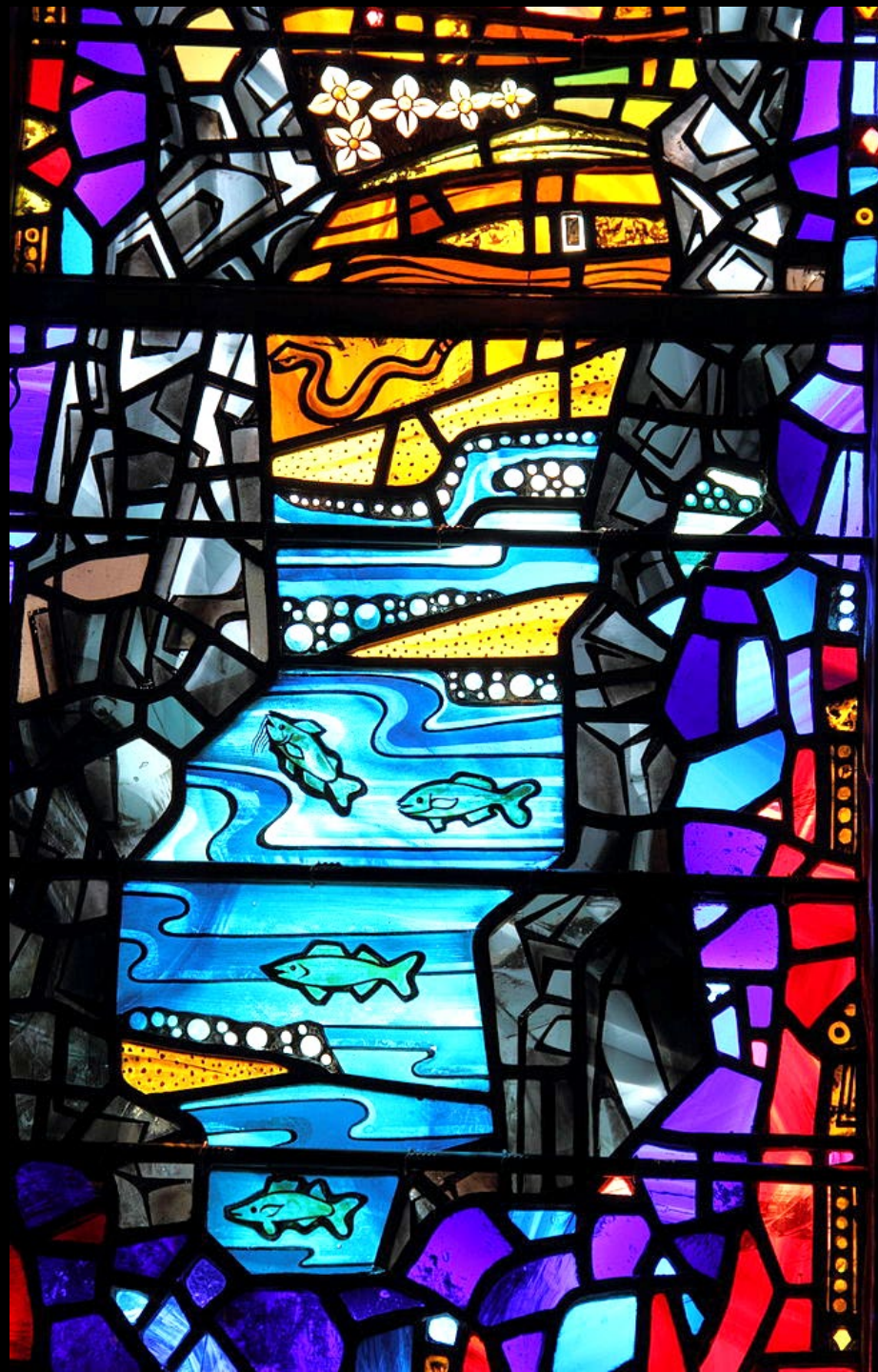


The Procession -- John August Swanson

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;  
the world and those who live in it.

Psalm 98:7





The Waters

R. and I. LeCompte  
Washington National  
Cathedral

Let the floods clap their hands;  
let the hills sing together for joy...

Psalm 98:8





Rainbow in the Berkshire Hills -- George Inness, White House , Washington, DC

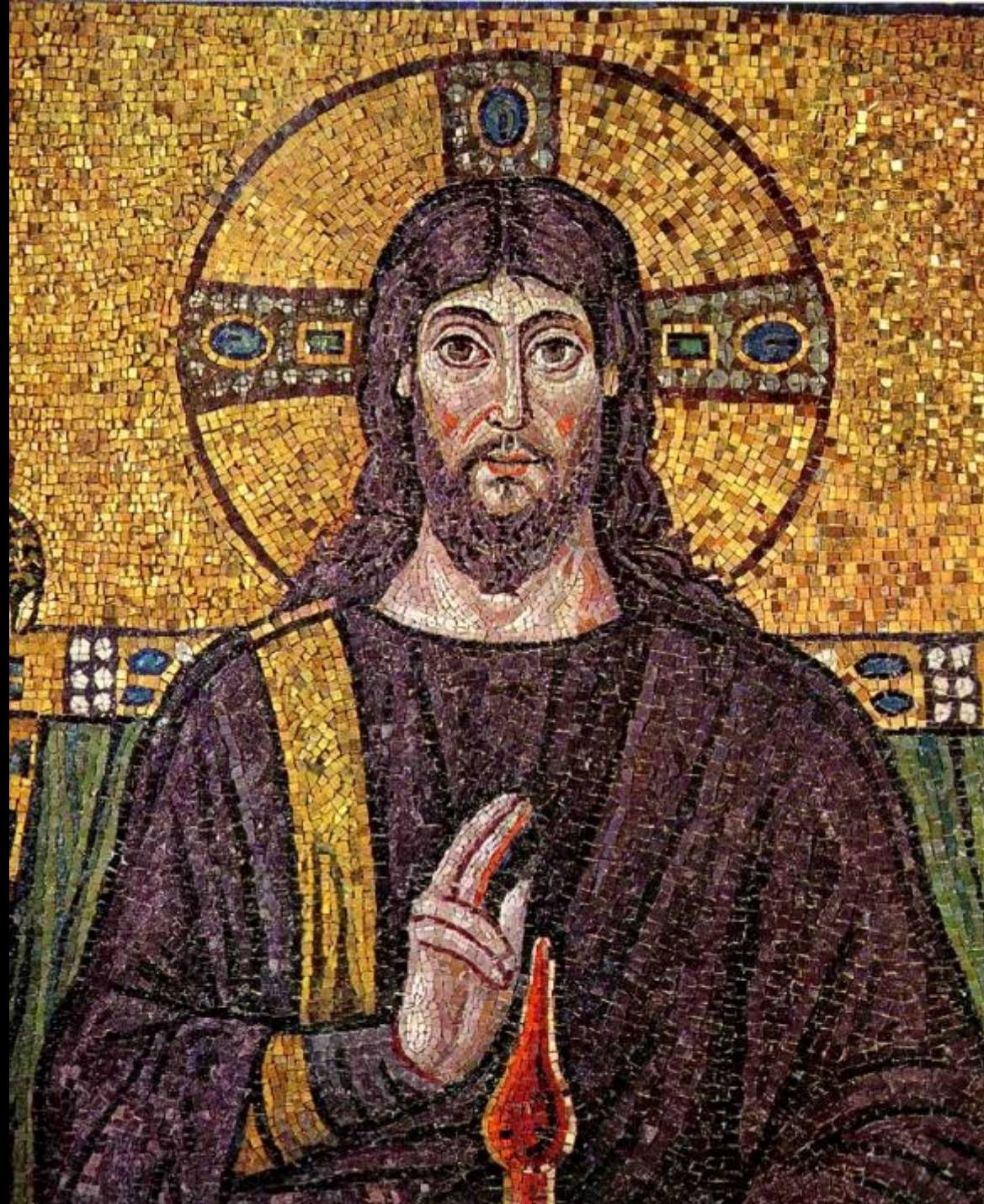
He will judge the world  
with righteousness, and  
the peoples with equity.

Psalm 98:9b



Christ Pantocrator

Mosaic  
S. Apollinaire Nuovo  
Ravenna, Italy



Long ago God spoke to our  
ancestors in many and  
various ways by the prophets.

Hebrews 1:1





Study for Frieze of the Prophets, Boston Public Library -- Boston Museum of Fine Arts

You are my Son; today  
I have begotten you...

Hebrews 1:5b





Nativity

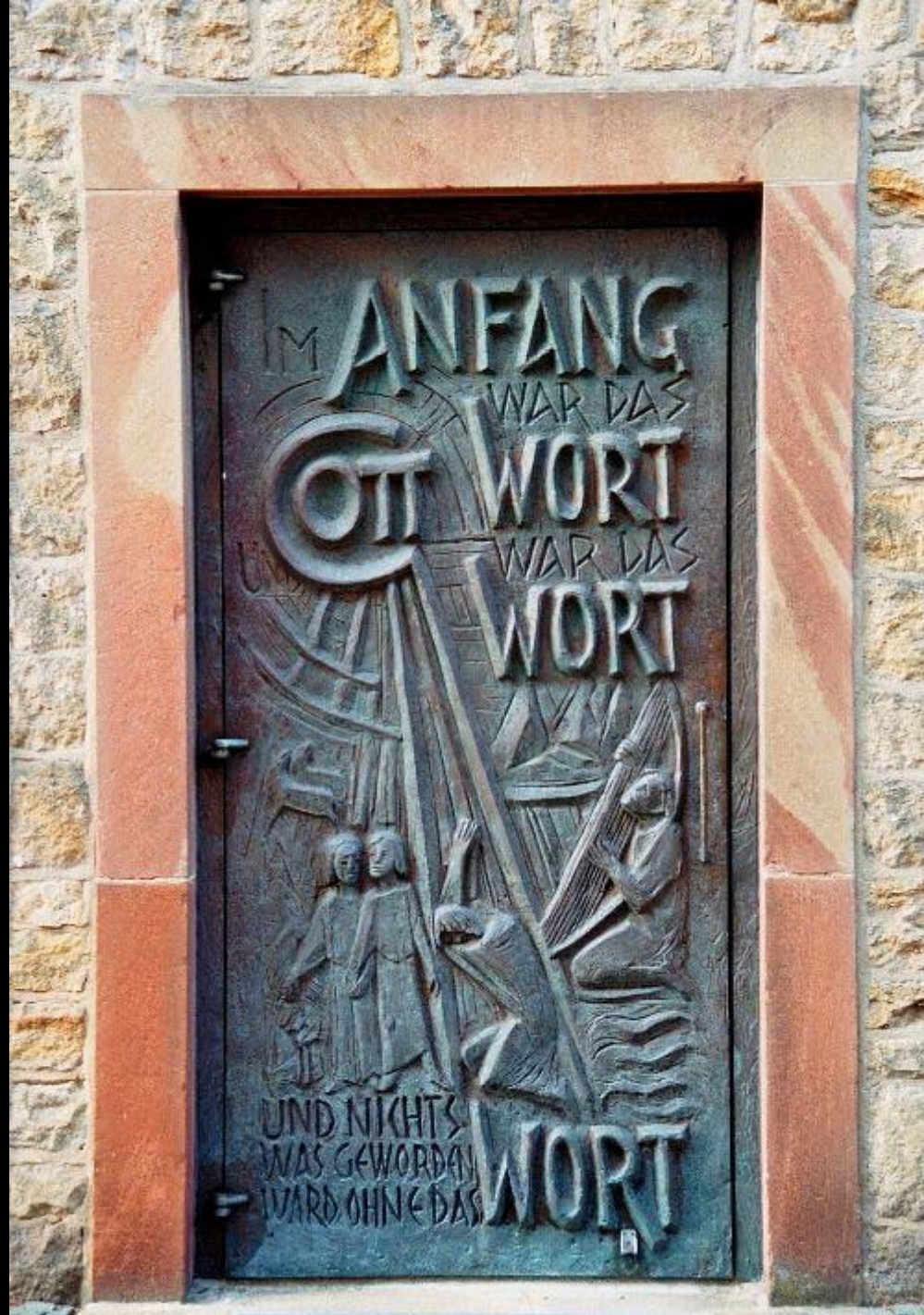
Xavier Churchyard

In the beginning was the Word,  
and the Word was with God,  
and the Word was God.

John 1:1



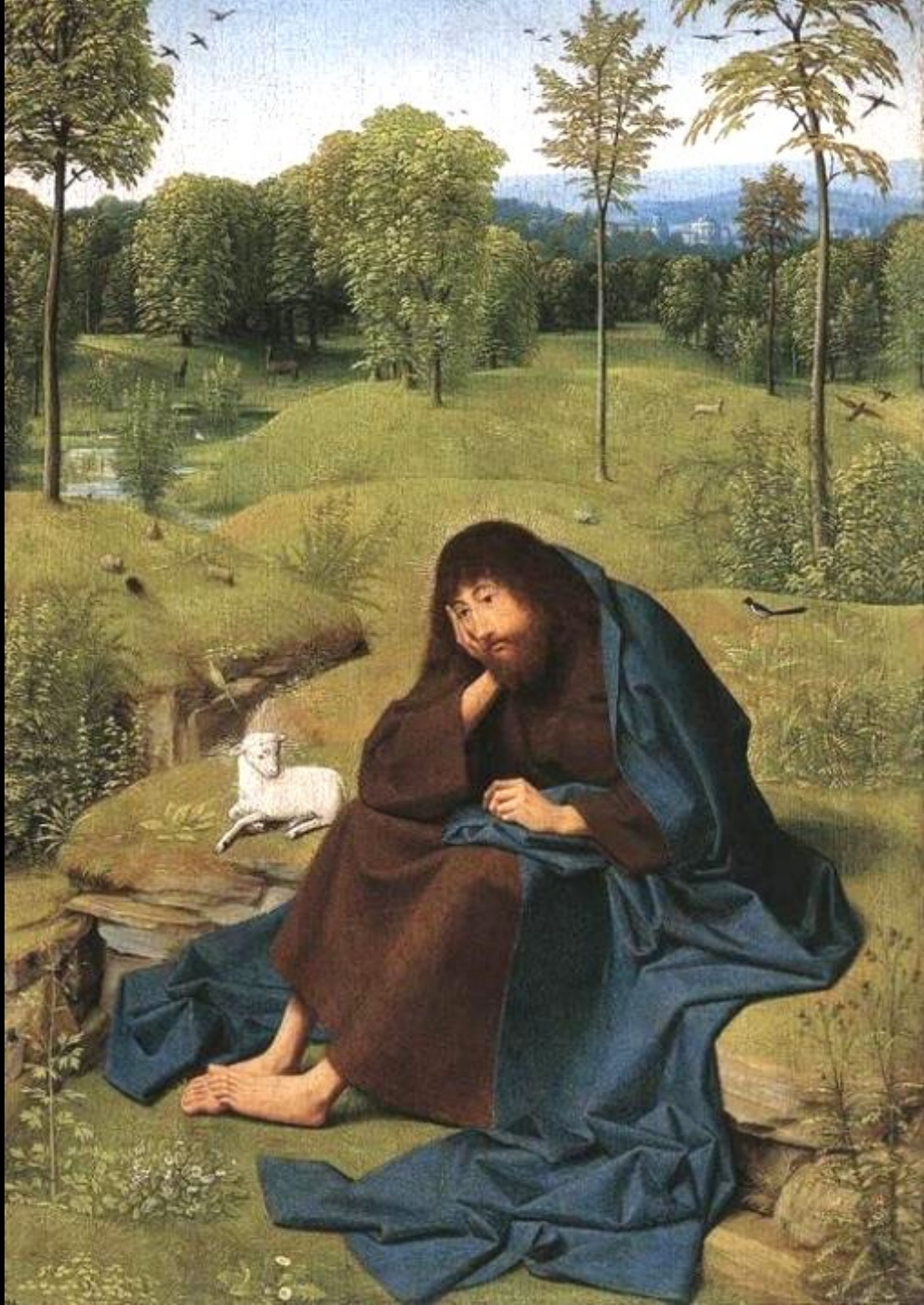
In the Beginning...  
Josef Krautwald  
St. Dionysius Church  
Recke, Germany



There was a man sent from God,  
whose name was John. He came as  
a witness to testify to the light, so  
that all might believe through him...

John 1:6-7





John the Baptist in the Wilderness

tot Sint Jans Geertgen  
Gemeentgalerie, Berlin



The true light, which enlightens  
everyone, was coming into the world.

John 1:9



Adoration of the Shepherds -- Gerrit van Honthorst, Wallraf-Richartz-Museum, Cologne

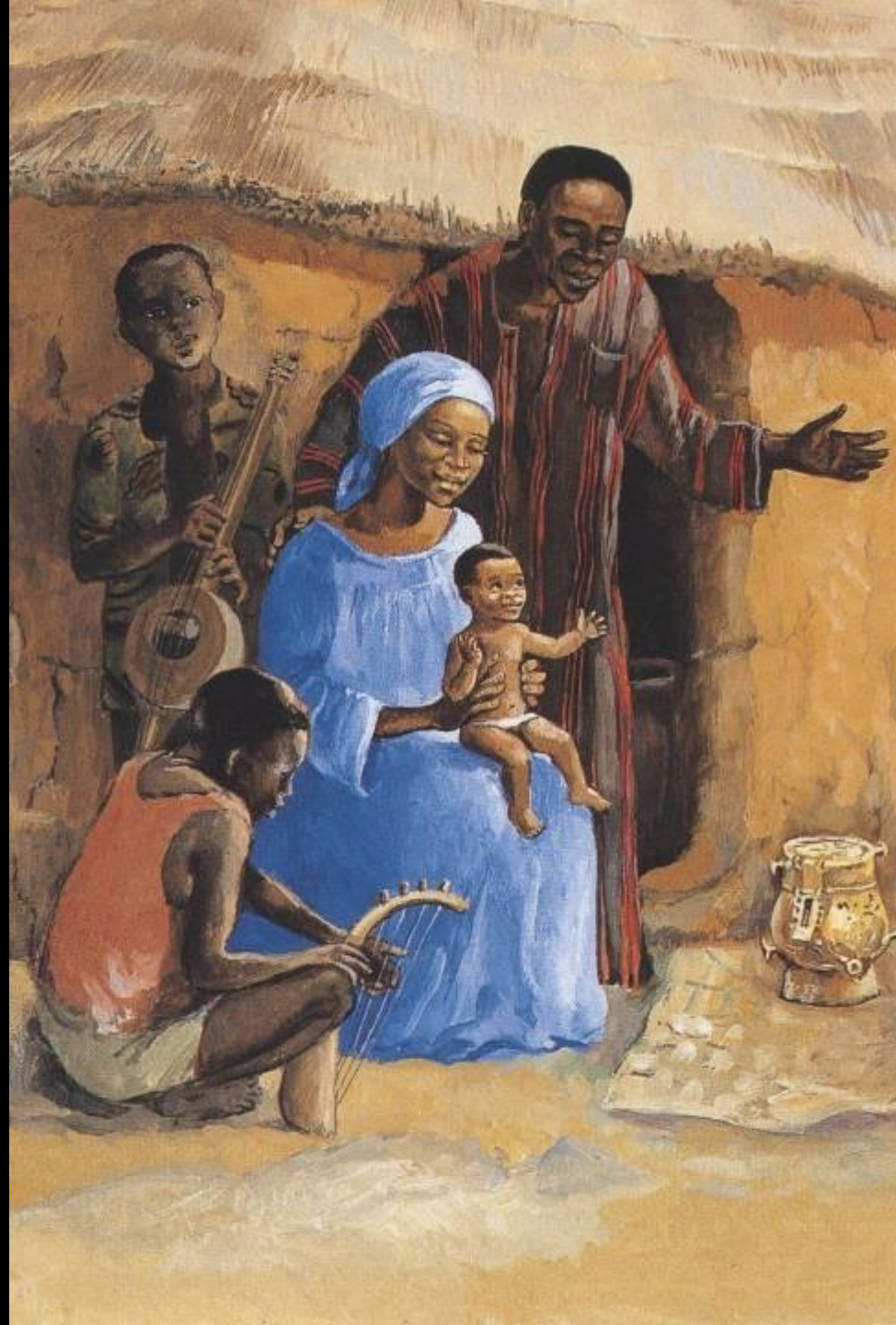
And the Word became flesh  
and lived among us...

John 1:14



Jesus with his Family

JESUS MAFA  
Cameroon



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