

A bronze sculpture of a hand holding a figure, set against a blue sky. The hand is large and detailed, with fingers spread. The figure is a smaller, more abstract form, possibly representing a child or a small person, being held in the palm of the hand. The sculpture is made of a material that looks like bronze or a similar metal, with some patina and texture. The background is a clear, bright blue sky.

# New Year's Day

*Year A*

Ecclesiastes 3:1-13 • Psalm 8 • Revelation 21:1-6a • Matthew 25:31-46

For everything there is a season, and a  
time for every matter under heaven:

Ecclesiastes 3:1



Vertical Sun Clock

Convent of Mont-  
Saint-Odile,  
Luxembourg

He has made everything suitable for its time; moreover, he has put a sense of past and future into their minds...

Ecclesiastes 3:11



Bell Tower Clock

Church of St. James Son of  
Zebedee  
Todtnauberg, Germany



I know that there is nothing better for them than to be happy and enjoy themselves as long as they live...

Ecclesiastes 3:12



Love and Happiness -- Ann from Detroit, photographer

When I look at your heavens, the work  
of your fingers, the moon and the stars  
that you have established...

Psalm 8:3



God's Hand

Carl Milles  
Millesgarden  
Stockholm,  
Sweden



...what are human beings that you are  
mindful of them, mortals that you care  
for them?

Psalm 8:4

Hand of God  
Auguste Rodin  
Rhode Island School of Design  
Museum  
Providence, RI



"It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End."

Revelation 21:6a





Alpha and Omega -- Church of San Isidro Labrador, Pulilan, Philippines



...for I was hungry and you gave me  
food, I was thirsty and you gave me  
something to drink, I was a stranger  
and you welcomed me...

Matthew 25:35



Charity Relieving Distress -- Thomas Gainsborough, Indianapolis Museum of Art

...I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.

Matthew 25:36



To Visit the Imprisoned -- Cornelis de Wael, Musei de Strada Nuova, Genoa, Italy

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