

A circular stained glass window with a central red face. The face has closed eyes and a serene expression. The window is surrounded by a complex pattern of red and gold glass pieces, creating a sunburst or floral effect. The text is overlaid on the window.

# First Sunday of Advent

*Year B*

Isaiah 64:1-9

Psalms 80:1-7, 17-19

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Mark 13:24-37

From ages past no one has heard, no  
ear has perceived, no eye has seen any  
God besides you ...

Isaiah 64:4a



St. Hedwig of Silesia Listening to a Reading -- Getty Center, Los Angeles, CA

... we are the clay, and  
you are our potter;

Isaiah 64:8b

Potter's Wheel

Else Berg  
prior to 1942



we are all the work of your hand.

Isaiah 64:8c

John Agnus in  
Wheelchair

Church of St-  
Marguerite Tihange,  
Belgium



Ice Cream for  
Handicapped Children

Burlhome Park  
Philadelphia, PA



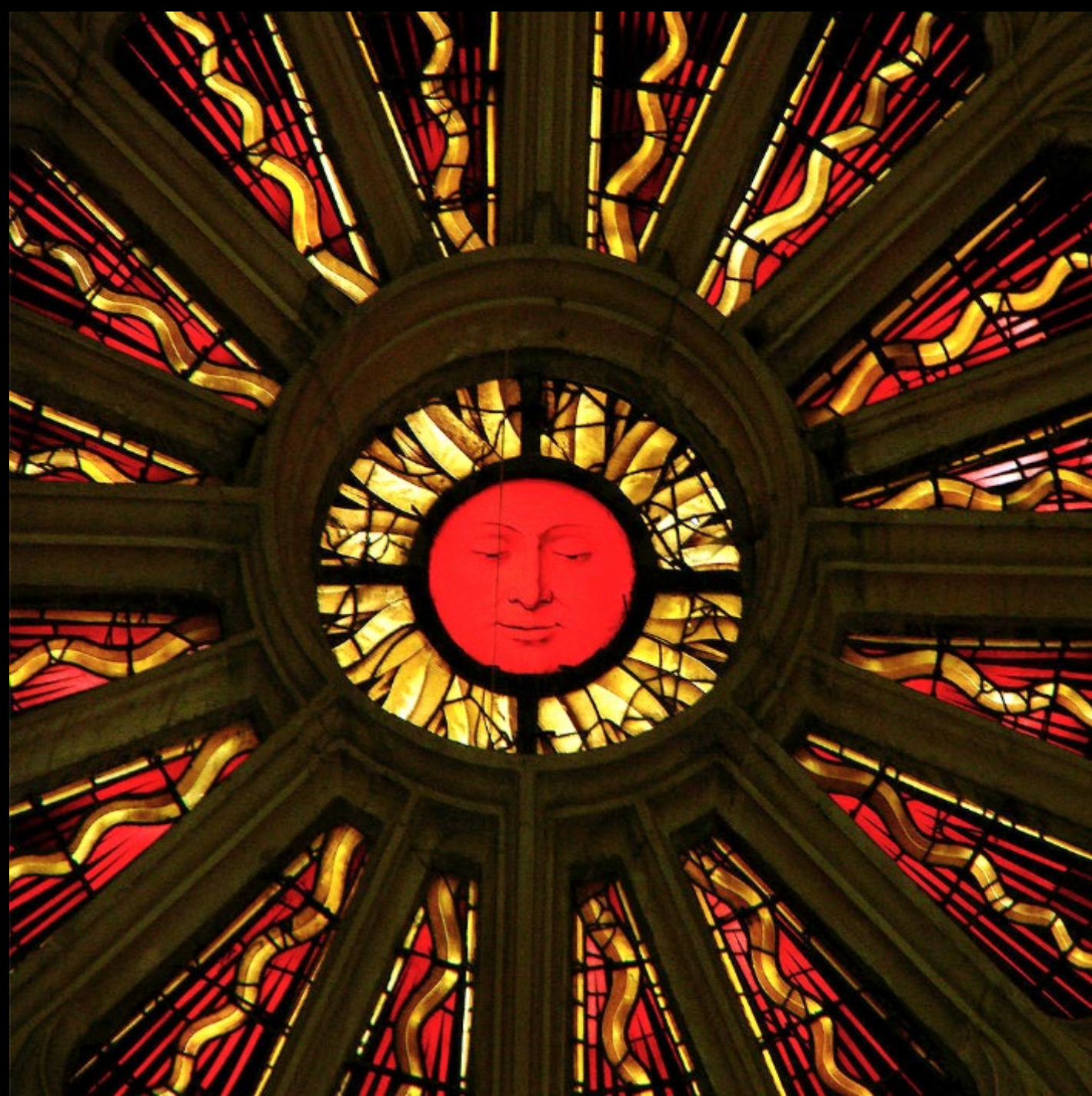


Restore us, O LORD God of hosts;  
let your face shine, that we may  
be saved.

Psalm 80:19

God's Shining Face

Church of St. Nicolas  
Saint-Nicolas-de-Port  
France



I give thanks to my God always  
for you ...

1 Corinthians 1:4a

The Seamstress  
Anna Blunden  
Yale Center for British Art  
New Haven, CT





Rose McClendon in Prayer -- Richmond Barthe, Fallingwater, PA

... because of the grace of God that  
has been given you in Christ Jesus ...

1 Corinthians 1:4b

Aging Grace  
Fe Langdon

Rio Grande State Park,  
Albuquerque, NM



... for in every way you have been  
enriched in him, in speech and  
knowledge of every kind ...

1 Corinthians 1:5





Queen of Sheba -- Lalibela Muralist, Addis Ababa National Museum, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia



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"But in those days ... the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light,

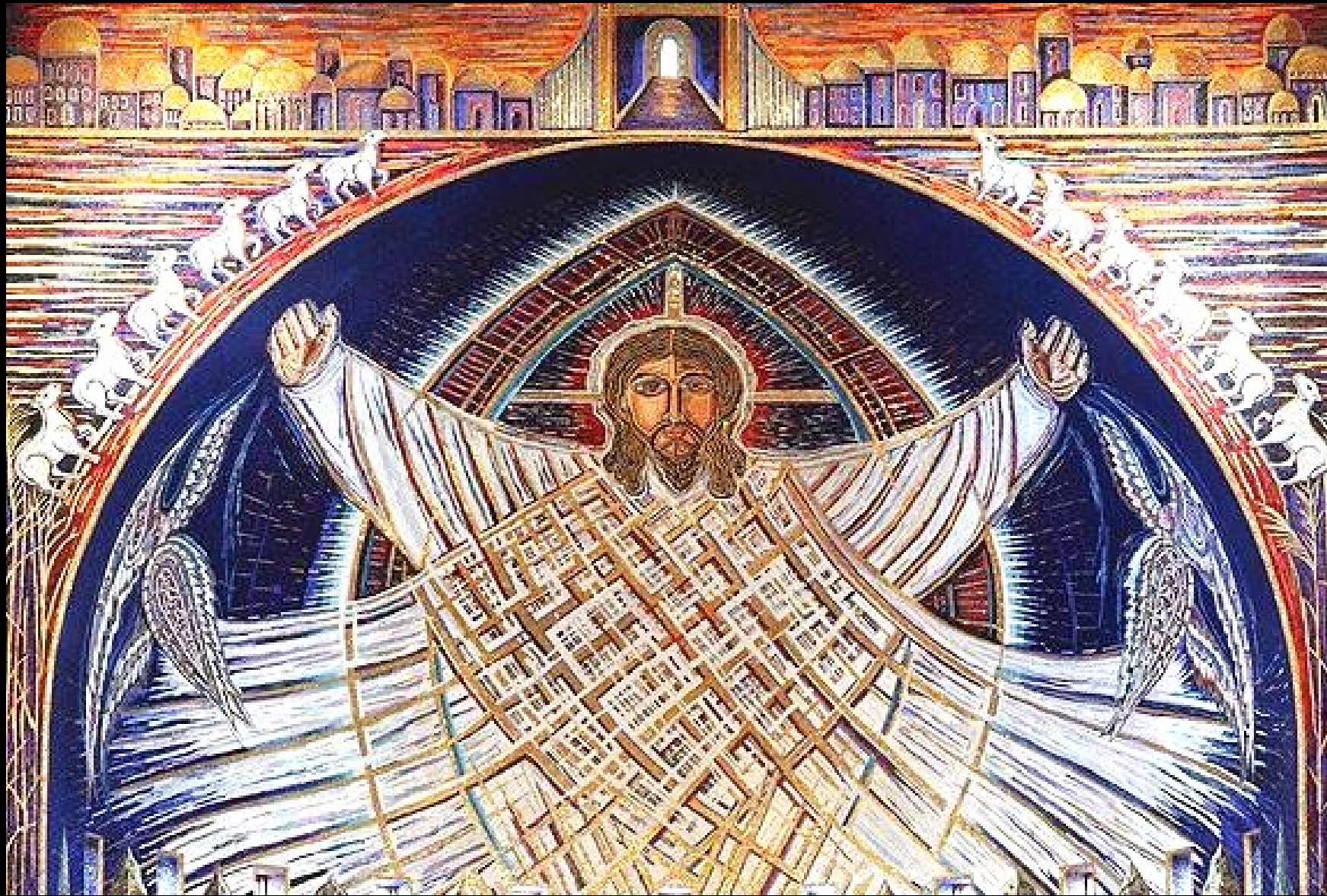
Mark 13:24



Solar Eclipse from Mount Santa Lucia -- Carleton Watkins, Getty Center, Los Angeles, CA

Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory.

Mark 13:26



Christ in Glory -- Apse mosaic, Church of the Transfiguration, Barnstable County, MA

Heaven and earth will pass away,  
but my words will not pass away.

Mark 13:31



Eucharist Door with the Lord's Prayer -- Sagrada Familia, Barcelona, Spain



Therefore, keep awake ... or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly."

Mark 13:35a, 36



Jesus and His Disciples in Gethsemane -- Rembrandt, Teylers Museum, Haarlem, Netherlands

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