

A golden Christmas bauble is the central focus, surrounded by a shower of smaller, dark-colored baubles that appear to be falling or floating around it. The background is dark, making the golden bauble stand out prominently.

# Second Sunday after Christmas Day

*Year B*

Jeremiah 31:7-14 or Sirach 24:1-12

Psalms 147:12-20 or Wisdom of Solomon 10:15-21

Ephesians 1:3-14

John 1:(1-9), 10-18

Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.

Jeremiah 31:13



Celebration -- John August Swanson, Los Angeles, CA

He gives snow like wool; he scatters  
frost like ashes ...

He sends out his word, and melts  
them ...

Psalm 147:16, 18a



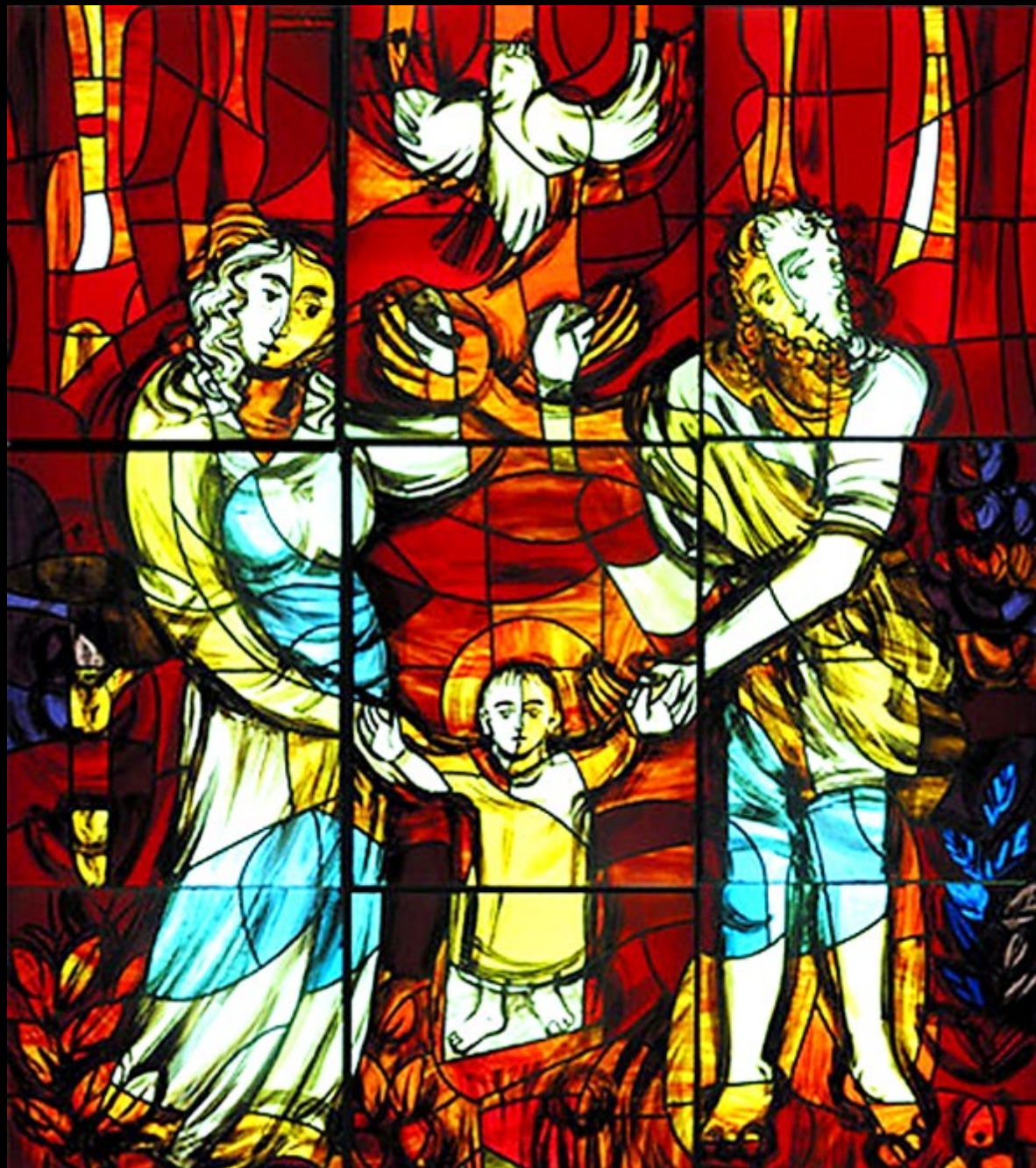
Snow-covered Landscape -- Pierre-Auguste Renoir, Musee de l'Orangerie, Paris, France

In him you also ... were marked  
with the seal of the promised  
Holy Spirit ...

Ephesians 1:13a, c

Holy Spirit with the Child  
Jesus and Mary and Joseph

Stained glass  
Warsaw, Poland



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

John 1:1





God's Authority – "In the beginning ..." – Seth Drum, graphic art

... in him was life, and the life  
was the light of all people.

John 1:4



Altar of God -- Frank Wesley

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

John 1:9

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CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT

Christ Be Our Light

LaSalette Festival  
Attleboro, MA

And the Word became flesh and  
lived among us ... full of grace  
and truth.

John 1:14a, c



Jesus as a Child -- JESUS MAFA, Cameroon

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